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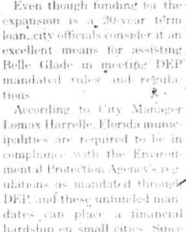
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HEALTH WATCH

Nasal spray takes fear out of Flu shot - Breakthrough on the horizon.

A study released recently in the New England Journal of Medicine shows great promise for a new method of preventing influenza via a nasal spray flu vaccine. The American Lung Association is excited by the possible impact this innovative vaccine may have on preventing the flu, particularly among children.

For healthy children and adults, influenza is typically a moderately severe illness. For unhealthy people or the elderly, however, influenza can be life threatening. People most at risk for serious complications from the flu include any-

one over 65, as well as adults and children with pre-existing chronic lung disease, such as asthma, emphysema, chronic bronchitis and other chronic diseases. For the parents of the nearly five million American children with asthma, a yearly flu vaccination is a crucial step in preventing potentially dangerous asthma attacks.

Yearly vaccinations are the key to preventing the flu and reducing its severity. With the advent of a painless vaccine for children, we may be able to step up efforts to protect substantially more of the population. Increased immunization is the only way to decrease morbidity and mortality caused by the virus.

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A new superstar is on the horizon



Mike Lyons

There is a new superstar in the world of weather. It is the El Nino of 1997-98, the strongest El Nino ever recorded and, in the words of one weather expert, the "climate event of the century."

Scientists have known for years that nothing influences climate like the oceans. After a mild, wet winter here in South Florida, most of us would agree.

The large pool of warmer than usual waters in the Pacific Ocean, which at its peak was one and one-half times the size of the United States, produced one of the wettest winters in our history.

A foot of rain fell in January - the heart of the so-called dry season. February was damp too - the fourth wettest February since records have been kept.

When it wasn't raining, South Florida was buffeted by seemingly ceaseless, gusty winds. Morning, noon and night Mother Nature huffed and puffed, producing one bad hair day after another. It seemed as if she would never run out of breath!

But this El Nino was more than just a sartorial nuisance. In February, it turned deadly, spawning powerful tornadoes that roared through central Florida. Forty-two people died, making it the deadliest tornado outbreak in Florida history.

Two weeks later, severe thunderstorms struck Okeechobee, damaging or destroying over 175 homes. Remarkably, no one was killed and just a few folks suffered cuts and bruises.

Of course, Florida was not the only state affected by the

El Nino pattern. California was battered with a series of storms, while states from Texas to North Carolina endured the worst outbreak of tornadoes in 25 years.

In fact, the El Nino affected weather patterns around the world: forest fires in Indonesia, typhoons in Japan, unusually powerful hurricanes in the Pacific, torrential rains in East Africa, flash floods in Peru and Ecuador and even snowstorms in Mexico.

Scientists reported in early April that the El Nino was beginning to weaken, predicting that the warm pool of Pacific Ocean water would disappear completely by the end of summer.

Good news, right? Maybe not. The absence of the El Nino is likely to have a large impact on this year's hurricane season. It would seem that the El Nino would have the last laugh.

Last year, the El Nino helped to reduce the number of tropical storms and hurricanes in the Atlantic Ocean. This year, with El Nino forecast to diminish, most experts predict an active season.

Researchers still aren't sure how the El Nino is created, only that it seems to run in five-year cycles. Yet, Dr. Robert Livezey, a senior researcher meteorologist with the Climate Prediction Center in Camp Springs, Maryland, thinks that cycle is about to change.

Livezey believes we can expect more frequent El Nino's in the coming years. Instead of every five years, Livezey thinks the El Nino may occur as often as every two to three years.

He also believes that future El Nino's will be very similar to this year's record-breaker. "Stronger, more frequent El Nino's are in our future," said Livezey.

If he's right, then the El Nino weather pattern may be the superstar of weather for a long time.

(Mike Lyons is the chief weather forecaster for WPBF-TV.)

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class. If you are interested or know someone who is, applications are now available at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce. Deadline is Friday, June 5. Call Danielle Penual at 996-2745 for more information.

Revival at South Bay Church of God

The South Bay Church of God is in Spring Revival this week. Services will continue tonight, May 21 and Friday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. Evangelist is Rev. Ozzie G. Watterson of the Atlanta Church of God in Atlanta, Georgia. The theme of the Spring Revival is "You've Got a Friend in Jesus."

There will also be a "Jelly Day" program on Sunday, May 24 beginning at 11 a.m. South Bay Church of God is located at 156 N.W. 9th Avenue, South Bay. Pastor is Rev. Edgar L. Miller.

Meeting of PHS Class of 1978

The regular monthly planning meeting for the Pahokee High School, Class of 1978 will be Saturday, May 30 at 5 p.m. at the home of Diane Freeman at 417 Cypress Avenue, Pahokee.

All class members are asked to attend, and bring a covered dish and their monies for the reunion weekend of June 19-21.

Members should call Diane Freeman at 924-2887 and leave a message if they have questions.

Revival at Miracle Temple Ministries

Pastor Alvin E. Nichols invites everyone to revival services at Miracle Temple Church.

Rev. Earl Johns will be conducting the revival services nightly starting Sunday May 31 at 7 p.m.

Miracle Temple is located at 104 SW 18th Street (SR 716), Belle Glade.

Volunteers sought for Red Cross

The Glades area service center of the Palm Beach County Chapter of the American Red Cross are in search of volunteers.

Volunteers are needed who are willing to be trained in water safety, CPR or First Aid instruction. Volunteers are also needed for other tasks at the Red Cross office in Belle Glade.

There will be a regular CPR and First Aid class on June 13 at the Glades Service Center, 425 Northwest Canal Street.

To register for classes or to volunteer call 992-9703 or (941) 675-8000.

Parent meeting for Pahokee CYCI

All parents of CYCI Extended Aftercare are asked to attend a parent meeting on Saturday, May 23 at 9 a.m. The meeting will be held at 360 East Main Street, Pahokee (across the street from the Burger King).

Chief Executive Officer Rev. Patricia S. Wallace says "it is important that parents attend to discuss the program and summer camp."

For information call 924-3844 to leave a message or 924-7030 to reach Rev. Wallace at home.

Okeechobee Center reunion planned

Residents of Okeechobee Center will host their first annual reunion on Saturday, May 30 at Pioneer Park. Participants will be celebrating "Super Saturday" with all

day activities beginning at dusk.

For additional information call Tommy Duhart at 993-3926 or Jeff Federick at 996-8966.

Mobile Spay/Neuter Clinic in Pahokee

The Spay Shuttle, a low cost mobile spay/neuter clinic, will be at Foodland Grocery Store, 600 E. Main Street, during the month of May.

For only \$10 (free for those on public assistance programs) residents can have their cats or dogs taken care of, including a rabies shot and tag.

The Spay Shuttle will be at Foodland between 8 and 9 a.m. on May 20-23. Cats must be in a closed carrier and dogs must be leashed.

The event is sponsored by the Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control. For more information, call them at 561-233-SPAY.

Free smoke detectors

Belle Glade and Pahokee Fire Departments have a number of smoke detectors they will be giving away to residents.

Belle Glade Fire Chief Steve Rice and Pahokee Fire Chief Gary Burroughs said the detectors are free to anyone who does not currently have smoke detectors, particularly low income and elderly residents in the city. Fire personnel will install the alarms and will also perform a complimentary home safety survey while they are there.

Call Pahokee Fire Rescue at 924-2424 to set up an appointment with Fire Chief Burroughs or in Belle Glade Call Lt. Hamilton at 996-2032.

Activities for seniors open and free

Glades residents 65 years old and older are invited to participate in activities held daily at the West County Senior Citizen Center, 2918 St. Road 15, Belle Glade.

Administrator Effie McNair said many fun activities are scheduled for the participants, including a birthday cake and punch party held the last Friday of each month. Other activities include weekly movies, monthly trips to the mall, and craft classes. Fire prevention and safety classes can be held in Seniors' homes and free blood pressure screening is offered.

For more information or transportation, call Mrs. McNair at 996-4808.

Crafters sought to display their work

The Glades Guild is looking for some new crafters and artists to display their work in the Glades General Store at Glades Unity Plaza, 425 West Canal Street North, Belle Glade.

There is no charge for this service. When the artwork or crafts are sold, the crafter will get the money.

To participate in the Glades General Store call Dorothy at 992-9500.

Free transportation for senior citizens

The Division of Senior Services will be providing medical transportation from the Glades area to Royal Palm Beach, Wellington and West Palm Beach for those persons who are 60 and over.

Please call Effie McNair at the Senior Services Center, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or call 561-233-0400.

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Leadership Glades 'Class' of '98 seeks leaders

Leadership Glades, now in its eighth year is currently seeking emerging leaders of the Glades for the 1998-99 class. If you would like to participate or know someone who would, applications are available at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The completed application will need to be returned by June 5, 1998. Should you need further information concerning Leadership Glades, you may call Danielle Penual at (561) 996-2745.

Save Our Rivers

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rameters. They are: Water Management; Water Supply; Conservation and Protection of Water Resources; Manageability; Habitat Diversity; Species Diversity; Connectivity; Rarity; Vulnerability; and, Nature Oriented Human Use.

The district also uses a project benefits criteria system to address projects that protect the integrity of ecological systems and provide multiple on- and off-site benefits. These include preserving fish and wildlife habitat, recreation space, and water recharge areas. Projects are included that can help reverse the decline in the ecological, aesthetic, recreational, and economic value of the state's water resources.

This system applies to projects designated primarily to supply off-site water resource benefits. The district does not evaluate the lands themselves, but considers how these lands will be used within a described project.

Examples for benefits provided

by such lands would be: Distribution systems to simulate sheet flow inputs into wetland systems; Detention systems operated to simulate the natural hydrograph for delivery of water into natural wetlands, lakes or estuaries; Water quality treatment system using managed or unmanaged wetland vegetation processes; Groundwater recharge and/or water table control to allow recharge to aquifers or retain seepage from water-storage facilities; and, Buffer access or transitional areas necessary to protect core lands from adverse impacts, provide wildlife corridors, provide for public enjoyment of the core land, or isolate certain management practices, such as flooding and prescribed burning.

A third method the district uses to screen prospective land candidates for the Save Our Rivers five-year Plan is the Selection Criteria for Water Resource Projects.

This applies to projects intended to supply off-site water resource benefits.

HEALTH WATCH

American children overweight and out of shape

By Katrina Elsen

More and more American children are becoming overweight and out of shape.

Television, video games and computer addiction are taking up time children used to occupy with sports and playing outside.

Poor eating habits are also contributing to the problem. Single parent families and families in which both parents work are more likely to substitute fast food meals for more balanced home-cooked ones. Convenience foods consumption is rising.

How can you tell if your child has a weight problem?

Michelle Daum, author of "The Can Do Eating Plan for Overweight Kids and Teens" offers the following ten ways to tell if your child has a weight problem:

- 1) His doctor tells you so.
- 2) Your child complains about being teased about her size.
- 3) Your child's clothes seem to get too small too fast.



Katrina Elsen

• Shopping for clothes with your child is a nightmare.

• Your child refuses to be seen in a bathing suit.

• Your child's friendships are suddenly changing.

• Your child withdraws from activities he previously enjoyed.

• You find yourself referring to her as "big-boned" or "large."

• You notice your child puffing and puffing after a simple task such as climbing a flight of stairs.

• Your child tells you he thinks he is overweight.

Overweight children face increased health risks and grow up to be overweight adults with increased health risks. Research has also shown that overweight children grow up to be less successful in business and careers than their thinner peers.

Ms. Daum states that there are many myths about overweight children. For example: MYTH: "My child will grow out of it."

FACT: Half of overweight youngsters remain overweight into adulthood. If childhood obesity is not corrected by age 12, the odds for becoming an overweight adult are four to one. Losing weight may be hard for kids, but it is even harder for adults.

MYTH: As long as my child is not eating junk, he can eat as much as he wants.

FACT: Too many calories leads to excessive weight gain, no matter what foods those calories come from. For example, fruit juice is very high in

calories.

MYTH: If a child doesn't eat any more than his friends or siblings, he's not overeating.

FACT: All kids are different and have different caloric requirements. A child with a slower metabolism or one who is less active may not need as much food as a child who spends a lot of time playing sports. Two children can eat exactly the same foods and one can gain weight while the other loses.

MYTH: If my child is overweight, it's genetic and there's nothing I can do.

FACT: Even if other family members have weight problems, a child can learn to control his or her weight by making changes in how he or she eats and exercising regularly.

MYTH: Encouraging weight control could lead to an eating disorder.

FACT: Eating disorders are not about needing to lose weight. Anorexia and bulimia are the result of existing emotional problems, often accompanied by depression. Teaching a child about proper nutrition and exercise does not lead to eating disorders.

MYTH: My child is big, but I am sure his body is storing up extra calories for his growth spurt.

FACT: Weight gain in excess of normal is not necessary for the adolescent growth spurt to begin.

Once you determine that a child has a weight problem, parents need a plan for helping the child control his or her weight. Ms. Daum suggests starting with a medical assessment.

This can be done during your child's annual physical. With the assistance of the child's doctor, parents can then help the child establish some weight control goals and make the necessary changes in eating and exercise patterns.

It's a good idea to get the whole family involved in good eating. Even children who are not overweight can benefit from learning about nutrition.

For "The Can Do Eating Plan for Overweight Kids and Teens," and other books about nutrition and health, check your local library.

Florida leads nation in non-melanoma skin cancer

Florida is #1...and not very happy about it.

In a landmark scientific study recently completed by Miami dermatologist Mark S. Nestor, MD, south Florida has the highest incidence of non-melanoma skin cancer in the world.

But, thanks to a new law passed by the Florida Legislature, Florida residents can now see a dermatologist without a referral or prior approval from their HMO or EPS, clearing the way for vital yearly check-ups to screen for skin cancer, pre-cancerous lesions and other conditions.

"Because patients now have direct access, doctors will detect more skin cancers earlier," says Dr. Nestor. "We must catch all skin cancers as early as possible, whether they're

non-melanoma or the more deadly melanoma."

When Dr. Nestor compared the rate of non-melanoma skin cancer in south Florida to the rates in the rest of the world, the results were startling.

In south Florida residents under 65 years of age, 450 per 100,000 were being treated for non-melanoma skin cancer, and in those older than 65, the incidence of non-melanoma cancer, shot up to 10,000 per 100,000 residents.

"Factors for the increase in all kinds of skin cancer include the depletion of the Earth's ozone layer, a 'sun & fun' lifestyle in Florida, and the fact that we're living longer," explains Dr. Nestor. "According to our study, 10% of those older than 65 who are living in south Florida have non-melanoma

skin cancer."

Dr. Nestor's study had a base of 150,000 patients who were studied for one year.

Added concerns are "people who have had skin cancers in the past," says Dr. Nestor, "because they are at risk for recurrence."

Regarding the more serious melanoma skin cancer, the rising incidence is alarming.

"We now have a one in 90 chance of developing melanoma," says Dr. Nestor. "Only ten years ago, it was only one in 300."

That increase may also contain some good news.

"We're catching these cancers earlier," says Dr. Nestor, "and that accounts for some of the higher incidence numbers."

Tampa dermatologist L. Frank Glass, MD, agrees, and

notes that greater public awareness has led patients to early screening and detection, leading to prompt treatment and greater chances of recovery.

"The number one concern of my patients is 'Do I have cancer,'" says Dr. Glass. "They are concerned because skin cancer is practically epidemic in Florida."

Jacksonville dermatologist Charles V. Pernicaro, MD, suggests yearly dermatological check-ups to screen for cancer and other conditions.

"You definitely want to see your dermatologist at least once a year if you have a family or personal history of skin cancer, or if you have a fair complexion, which puts you at a higher risk of sun damage," says Dr. Pernicaro.

CHPA delivers choice and lower group health and dental insurance costs

Now through the Community Health Purchasing Alliance (CHPA), a private, non-profit organization, several western Palm Beach County businesses have chosen CHPA to provide high quality health and dental insurance at affordable rates. Some employees want an HMO, others a PPO. Many want different benefits, and nobody wants to change doctors. From CHPA, there are dozens of health plans available from 20 top insurance companies and HMOs such as: Aetna US Healthcare HMO, Health Options, Humana, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Florida, Prudential Health Care and Foundation Health. CHPA acts as an insurance pool that enables members to save up to 25% on health coverage from major insurance companies and HMOs.

Now CHPA also offers dental plans, for as small as a one person group. Three levels of dental plans are available from Oral Health Services and American Dental Plan. The wide range of plans CHPA provides makes it easy for employees to choose the coverage right for themselves and their budget. Employees can select the benefit levels, physician networks and plan types that best meet their needs and the employer writes only one check per month for health insurance regardless of the number of employee plans chosen.

It's easy to qualify for CHPA membership. You must be self-employed - or the owner of a business with 50 or fewer full time employees.

What CHPA does is provide a source of affordable health insurance for small businesses by pooling the purchasing clout of these businesses, giving them access to more plan choices and more competitive rates.

It's easy to compare plans with CHPA. HMO and PPO

plans with clearly defined benefits are offered. Each business receives a customized rate quote - based on its employee roster - which shows the comparative cost of coverage with each of the available carriers. This makes it easy for the business owner to "shop" among companies.

With over 95% of Florida businesses having fewer than 50 employees, CHPA certainly is a logical choice for working Floridians.

Will purchasing alliances play a major role in providing health insurance in the future? If you can have a leading Wall Street analyst, by the year 2000, 30% of all Americans insured by a managed care plan will be covered through a purchasing alliance.

Is CHPA working? Comments from small business owners speak volumes:

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"Every small business in

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OPINION PAGE



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Waiting for a response

"There was a **Speak Out** a couple of weeks ago about a Pahokee city employee and an accident and the city footing the bill. There are a lot of us **Speak Out** fans waiting for a reply.

Perhaps the new mayor can enlighten us on this incident. Obviously the city manager is not going to reply."

Bad choice for Code Enforcement Board?

"The Pahokee City Commission is a joke. They appointed Tommy Housch to the Code Enforcement Board, a man who has the worst buildings in town and the worst record of taking care of his property."

More on Pahokee's Code Enforcement Board selection

"The people of Pahokee need to be aware that Alvis Davis, the new mayor, has already started his own agenda. The other night, at Tuesday's commission meeting, he appointed Tommy Housch to the code enforcement board. Tommy Housch was directly asked by Commissioner Babbs if he had an outstanding code enforcement violation and he clearly stated "no."

If you'll check, you'll find that Mr. Housch has at this time three outstanding code violations.

Now, will Mr. Davis back off on his decision to put him on the Code Enforcement Board? As far as I'm concerned, Mr. Housch has shown us his true colors and has done away with his credibility to be on the Code Enforcement Board.

Thank you."

Note: Pahokee Mayor Alvis Davis said he did ask Mr. Housch at the meeting if he had any code violations and he stated he did not. Mayor Davis notes the commission chambers were full that evening and he also asked if anyone

else in the audience was willing to serve on the board and no one came forward. He said he hopes with Mr. Housch's appointment he will also hold himself to a higher standard.

Why the price difference?

"Yes, I'd like to know why if you buy *The Sun* out of a newspaper stand it's 50 cents, but Swifty's in Pahokee tries to charge 53 cents and the Fina in Canal Point charges 52 cents?

Thank you."

NOTE: *The Sun* is 50 cents in the newspaper racks because we absorb the tax. It is easier to have boxes that require 50 cents rather than 53 cents. All other vendors, including convenience stores and gas stations are adding the money due to Uncle Sam. They should all be charging 53 cents. I have no explanation as to why one would be charging 52 cents when they will be required to pay taxes of 3 cents on each issue.

Thank you for calling **Speak Out**.

Trashing Lyon's Park

"When pondering life's little puzzles, I wonder why some people find it necessary to break beer bottles all over the Lyon's Park tennis courts.

Are these people just stupid or do they have defective DNA? Either way, it would be nice if they stopped their bottle bashing.

However, I doubt they can even read this considering their impoverished mentality.

Thank you."

Caller critical of Pahokee Youth Development Center

We the citizens of South Bay and Pahokee area thought by building a facility for youthful offenders and bringing more jobs to our community would help build the moral of

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respirator this week.

During the past two weeks, our family has been overwhelmed by this community's compassion and caring. We can't begin to tell you how much this has meant to us. Your calls, cards and concern have been greatly appreciated. Your prayers have sustained us. On Tuesday, May 5, we were told by the doctors Bobby's condition was very grave and they performed emergency surgery to relieve the pressure on his brain. We know that only prayer brought him through and we ask that you continue to remember him in your prayers.

I've always known this is a special place to live. You, my friends, make it so."

Sincerely,
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The tax man cometh

By Senator Connie Mack
United States Senator, FL

Imagine sitting in your office and the door bursts open. You are ordered to stop typing and back away from your computer with your hands in the air. You then watch as an agent seizes files, personal papers and belongings - all while looking down the barrel of his gun.

You are certain this is a catastrophic case of mistaken identity, a drug raid, or perhaps a violent criminal was seen in the vicinity. But, your fear is quickly replaced with rage as the armed agent cries, "Don't move, I'm with the IRS!"

Business as usual at the IRS? I am beginning to believe that these SWAT team tactics have been an accepted practice at the IRS for some time. The arrogant and abusive IRS has gone unchecked long enough. The level of taxpayer mistreatment, harassment and intimidation is far worse than first thought, and it's time to put a stop to this runaway train of abuse.

I've received countless letters from Floridians who live in fear of the IRS. Most of my constituents write about unfair treatment with respect to financial dealings with the agency, but some describe incidents of physical abuse against taxpayers who after months of anguish are found innocent of any wrongdoing. A taxpayer from Tampa wrote that he witnessed IRS agents literally drag a single mother out of her place of work because she was being held responsible for her ex-husband's tax violations. It is hard to believe in our free society that this type of government intimidation runs rampant. Unfortunately, it is alive and well within the IRS.

As a member of the Senate Finance Committee, which recently held hearings on the IRS and its abuses, I was astounded by the accounts of IRS employees and taxpayers as they described the double standard that exists within the IRS and the aggressive law enforcement tactics by tax collectors - including armed raids and the fabrication of evidence. These hearings exposed a rogue agency literally out of control. As the Senate considers IRS reform legislation, we must help put a stop to these injustices. We must ensure proper oversight of the Criminal Investigations Division, consider new guidelines and restrictions on conducting "raids," and find ways to limit IRS police powers that lead to

unwarranted harsh treatment of innocent taxpayers.

It is time to audit the IRS. We need a full scale review of what works and what doesn't and hold the IRS accountable for its abuses of power. An IRS overhaul must include a renewed emphasis on taxpayer protections - including increased taxpayer confidentiality, correcting the presumptions that the IRS is always right and the taxpayer is always wrong, and treating the IRS as it treats the taxpayer by making it pay for its mistakes. I have introduced the Taxpayer Confidentiality Act which

provides for equal treatment for all taxpayers, regardless of their choice of professional tax adviser. I am also a co-sponsor of Senator Alfonso D'Amato's (R-NY), bill that protects innocent spouses from being pursued by the IRS for tax violations committed by their husbands or wives on joint tax returns. The major elements of both bills are included in the IRS reform bill on the floor of the Senate last week.

The IRS cannot operate in a vacuum and disregard the rights and needs of taxpayers. Fiscal mismanagement and negligence will undermine taxpayer's faith in the fairness of any tax system. Outright abuse and harassment destroy this faith.

The Senate IRS reform bill will make IRS employees accountable for their actions by requiring the IRS to terminate employees who commit perjury, falsify documents or violate rules to retaliate against a taxpayer. The new independent IRS oversight board created by this bill has the power to monitor law enforcement and collection activities, and aggressive use of this power is vital to clean up the mess at the IRS. This board should exist to serve the interest of the taxpayer - not the IRS bureaucracy, therefore, the board should not include the Treasury Secretary or an IRS union representative.

We have an important job ahead - to end the culture of waste, fraud and abuse that is rampant at the IRS. The attitude of antagonism toward the taxpayer must end, and an improved, useful and service-oriented organization must take its place.

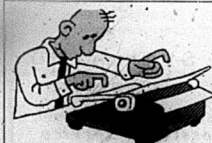
This is not a partisan issue, it's a matter of right and wrong.

We in Congress must accept the challenge and make accountability the top priority by passing a tough IRS reform bill, and change the way IRS does business.

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Local Boys and Girls Clubs learn about Ecotourism

Glades Tours, Inc. of Pahokee is pleased to announce the maiden voyage of the Boys and Girls Club of the Glades into the world of Ecotourism.

Weekly tours of the Everglades Agricultural Area and its periphery will be explored under the theme of "Ecology, Farms and History, guided and taught by staff members of Glades Tours.

This year, it is hoped that all 600 children of the Glades Club will be able to attend this three session study.

A selected group of 40 children, ranging in age from 7 to 11, will be first to learn about the agricultural and ecological world in which they live.

Of course, the rich and mysterious history of the communities along the shores of Lake

Okeechobee will be brought to light synchronously.

Michelle Woodard, program director of the Glades Chapter of Boys and Girls Clubs, has facilitated this teaching technique, saying "this type of program is badly needed."

The maiden tour departed the Boys and Girls Club location at 1224 S.W. E. Place, Belle Glade on Friday, May 15.

Local Farm Bureau asks governor to sign eminent domain legislation

Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau members are joining the Florida Farm Bureau in asking Gov. Lawton Chiles to sign, without delay, legislation that will assure south Florida property owners will receive full compensation when their property is taken by condemnation, the eminent domain provision, which passed the Florida Legislature as an amendment to CS/HB 4071, requires the South Florida Water management District (SFWMD) to follow state-mandated procedures when acquiring land for the Kissimmee River restoration project and the C-111 project.

"This measure assures that landowners will receive full value for any property that is acquired for these projects,"

said Phil Leary, director of Government and Community Affairs for the Florida Farm Bureau. Leary said the legislature saw the need to spell out the terms of such acquisition after SFWMD indicated it would ask the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to institute federal eminent domain condemnation process of property it sought to acquire for the Everglades Construction Project.

Unlike Florida Statutes, federal procedures don't allow full compensation. "Private citizens may have to hire attorneys, appraisers or other consultants to advise and represent them in a government taking," Mr. Leary said. "Under federal process, those costs are borne by the

landowner." State statutes recognize full compensation must include all expenses incurred in the condemnation process.

"This legislation is not about restoration. It is about the rights of Floridians at all economic levels. It is simply a matter of fairness," Mr. Leary said. "The governor's office was involved in developing this measure and there is no reason it should not now be signed into law."

The Florida Farm Bureau Federation, based in Gainesville, has more than 130,000 members statewide. Farm Bureau is an independent organization dedicated to the advancement and promotion of agriculture. It is not affiliated with any arm of government.

Two retiring from West Technical Center

West Technical Education Center's Director, Shirley Maxson, is retiring this month. So is teacher William Smith, Jr., who teaches the STAR program.

A retirement party is planned for June 6 at the Bradbridge Cafe for Mr. Smith. The buffet dinner will

begin at 6 p.m. and the cost is a \$12.50 donation per person. A donation of \$5 will also be requested to purchase a going away gift.

Mrs. Maxson's retirement party will be Friday, June 12 at Binks Forest Golf Club, 400 Binks Forest Drive, Wellington

from 6 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person and includes the donation for her retirement gift.

Those friends, co-workers and community members who wish to attend either or both parties are asked to contact Jeannie Britt at 996-4920 or 996-4930.

South Bay Police Department arrest blotter

The South Bay Police Department made six arrests the week of May 10-16. The gave 104 citations, 51 written warnings, handled 19 offenses, two incidents, 76 misc. incidents and three accidents.

Those arrested included:

May 10 - James L. Williams,

21, possession of marijuana; Juan Carrasco, 24, warrant for grand theft auto.

May 11 - No arrests made.

May 12 - Delois Thereta King, 33, violation of probation on charges of driving without a license.

May 13 - Lamar Kenneth Fowler, 32, possession of a con-

cealed firearm and possession of a short-barreled shotgun.

May 14 - No arrests made.

May 15 - Willie Robinson, possession of cocaine and possession of marijuana.

May 16 - Veatrice Aretha Whorton, 36, warrant for failure to appear on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Crimestoppers



Herbert Leon Kinsler

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Herbert Leon Kinsler, who is wanted for violation of probation on charges of sexual battery.

Kinsler is a black male, 6' 1", weighing 150 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and scars on his back, stomach and left arm. His date of birth is August 20, 1960 and his Social Security Number is 266-

59-2671. He has no known address, but he has been seen in the Belle Glade and Pahokee area. His last occupation was as a laborer. His warrant was active as of May 11, 1998.

If you know the whereabouts of Kinsler, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.



FRANCES HAND, (left), chairperson of the board of the Bank of Belle Glade and W.W. Mikell, (right) president of the bank, congratulate Lee Mikell (center) upon his new appointment as Vice President and Cashier of the Bank of Belle Glade.

W. Lee Mikell appointed Vice President and Cashier at Bank of Belle Glade

W. Lee Mikell of Belle Glade has been appointed Vice President and Cashier of the Bank of Belle Glade. The appointment was announced by Frances R. Hand, chairperson of the board of the Bank of Belle Glade.

Mr. Mikell, who joined the

Bank of Belle Glade in 1994 as an assistant cashier, brings over 10 years of banking experience to his new executive position. Prior to joining the Bank of Belle Glade, Mr. Mikell was with the Citizens Bank of Frostproof and before that he spent five years at the

First Florida Bank in Punta Gorda.

Mr. Mikell resides in Belle Glade with his wife, Tracy, and son, Dennis.

The Bank of Belle Glade has been a community bank in Western Palm Beach County for over 35 years.

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the people in this community, and instill in them a sense of pride. I find it not to be so.

It is so sad that we have become morally desensitized and de-censored to these issues. PYDC is one of the largest developments that has ever been established in this town.

Listen to this... PYDC has been teaching a substance abuse course without a license to do so. I believe that we need to conduct a serious evaluation and extensive investigation of our heads at PYDC.

If the parents of the youth at PYDC know about this, they

would surely want their kid removed. We know we would. We could say a lot more about PYDC because we really want to tell the whole story but space won't permit. Thank You.

Editor's note: This Speak Out was edited for fairness while, hopefully retaining the caller's concern. Norm Townsel, facility administrator at Pahokee Youth Development Center responds: "National statistics on juvenile delinquency gathered by the FBI indicate that approximately 90% of youth incarcerated in juvenile facilities have had

some exposure to alcohol and/or drug abuse. Given these alarming numbers, it is imperative that we at Pahokee Youth Development Center make some attempt to address this problem. All youth are assessed for prior history of use and trafficking. Those deemed most at-risk are placed in a substance abuse educational program.

Currently, PYDC has been tentatively approved for education and treatment licensed by the Alcohol Drug and Mental Health Dept. of Children and Family Services. The treatment program began May 18, 1998."

Belle Glade Police Department arrest blotter

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 669 complaints, worked 42 crime scenes and gave 14 traffic citations the week of May 11-17. Those arrested included:

•May 11- Moses Jones, 47, aggravated domestic battery; Stafford Everett, 38, two counts of failure to appear, false imprisonment, possession of paraphernalia, and burglary with assault; Byron Boston, 26, aggravated domestic battery on a pregnant woman; Henry Givens, 23, battery.

•May 12- Dudley Clark, 34, possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana under 20 grams and possession of narcotic paraphernalia; Two

juveniles, both 14, aggravated stalking; David Trevino, 19, false imprisonment; Richard Johnson, 37, aggravated domestic assault; Carlos Carellon, 33, domestic battery.

•May 13- No arrests made.

•May 14- Isaac Day, 20, aggravated battery with a firearm; Richard Singleton, 20, failure to appear; Leonard Walker, 48, failure to appear; Wilfred Demezier, 19, lewd assault.

•May 15- Mickey Bradley, 39, attempted grand theft; Leon Williams, 33, attempted grand theft and possession of a motor vehicle with an altered VIN number; Juvenile, 17,

consumption of alcohol by a person under 21; Kyle McDonald, 18, consumption of alcohol by a person under 21; Alfredo Tredo, 19, consumption of alcohol by a person under 21; Juvenile, 15, contempt of court; Juvenile, 13, trespassing on school property; Juvenile, 14, retail theft.

•May 16- Tameka Brown, 25, neglect of a child; Juan Casper, 30, failure to appear; Juvenile, 15, retail theft; Melvin Grace, 28, possession of cocaine and narcotic paraphernalia.

•May 17- Edward Rivers, 24, failure to appear; Joe Green, 39, trespassing.

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RADIO

NEWSPAPERS



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U.S. Postal Service held a Food Drive Saturday, May 9. The food was distributed to First Baptist Church in Belle Glade and Mt. Calvary Church - Heavens Bread Basket. Pictured are: Postmaster Johnny Johnson, Adrian Hernandez, Jack Miller, Randy Prescott, Sabrina Montgomery, Angel Baez, Barbara Bell-Spencer, Levon Barnett, James Victor, Larry Altman, Patty McCleod, (not pictured) Ron Steven, C.J. Hales



Pot Luck in the Muck cast - (back row l to r) Elena Rongullo, Kenny Jackson, Daren Kimbrel, Jeannette Dexter, (front row) Cathy Morgan, Joe Varga, Nerissa Jackson, Charlotte Phillips, Richard Geer.

Pot Luck in the Muck cast is selected

IT'S HAPPENING! The professional theatrical staff is here. The cast has been selected. The volunteers are designing the sets. Pot Luck in the Muck is taking shape.

Pot Luck in the Muck is an artistic attempt to interpret the Glades in an entertaining and dynamic way

through skits, stories, and songs. The inaugural performances of this play will be held Saturday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 24, at 4:00 p.m. The performance will be held at the old Fantastic Produce Packing House on NW 9th Street, in Belle

Glade. Watch for the signs. Tickets are \$5 for adults; \$2 for seniors and children 12 and younger. Advance tickets may be purchased at the Glades Community Development Corporation Office at Glades Unity Plaza, 425 West Canal Street, North in Belle Glade or by calling 992-9500.



(SUNPHOTO by Jennie M. Sears)

Nurses Day at Glades General Hospital ... Nurses at Glades General Hospital held a luncheon to honor all the nurses who work hard and are dedicated to their patients. A raffle drawing was held and those who had a red ticket on the bottom of their chairs were given a prize. Pictured are: (L to R) Sherry Taylor, Deon Latimore, Mary Weeks, Myna Murray and Gail Sawyer.

Of Flags, Flowers, and the Fallen



Rev. Thomas J. McSweeney
Director of The Christophers

As the barbecues come rolling out on decks and driveways, convertible tops come down, big sales are touted at the local mall, and cut-offs and tee shirts are retrieved from somewhere back in the closet—Memorial Day the dividing line between spring and summer, signals the kickoff of the season.

With all the shopping and picnics, there may be reason to fear that the meaning and purpose of Memorial Day is getting lost. If we are to find it, we must start in a cemetery and little history. There are 24 cities - north and south - that lay claim to begin the place where Memorial Day originated. But as a native Pennsylvanian, I have a special fondness for the assertion made by the villagers of a quaint community situated in Centre County, Pennsylvania, just off Route 322, in the picturesque foothills of the Alleghenies.

There a small marker by the side of the road boasts: "Boalsburg - Birthplace of Memorial Day."

According to their account, it happened in October 1864, while the Civil War was still raging, a full two years earlier than Waterloo, New York, which was sanctioned as the "official" birthplace because its 1866 observance was so well planned and complete. But, in Boalsburg, they say that Memorial Day was born in a tiny Pennsylvania graveyard where a proud mother and a grieving daughter met to scatter flowers over the final resting places of a brave son and a gallant father.

Mrs. Elizabeth Meyer's son Amos, who was a private, had fallen on the last day of battle at Gettysburg. He had enlisted in the Union Army at the outbreak of the war and fought bravely. The young girl, Emma Hunter, was still reeling from the death of her father, Dr. Reuben Hunter, a Union Army surgeon.

Timing was everything. They met at the cemetery on a Sunday afternoon and began sharing their stories and common grief. They knelt together in that little burial ground, and each spontaneously took a few flowers to the other loved one's grave. Their sympathy for one another seemed to lighten their burdens. The story goes that before the two women left each

other, they agreed to meet again on the same day of the following year in order to honor not only their own two loved ones, but others who might have no one left to kneel at their lonely graves. The discussed their plans with friends and neighbors, and the following year every grave in the little cemetery was decorated with flowers and flags. Not a single one was neglected.

Since the first Memorial Day, the service has grown to embrace the men who fought in gray as well as in blue, finally to include all heroes - men and women - who have made the supreme sacrifice in all American conflicts from the Revolutionary War to Desert Storm. And, over the years, respect began to include all who have died, in war or peace, as soldiers or as civilians.

Increasingly, Memorial Day is losing not only its purely military significance, but also its place as the one day in the year when all of us pause collectively in tribute to those who have walked these paths before, all who lived and died trying to build a better future and a better world.

We don't have to decorate a grave or march in a parade to mark the significance of this holiday. But we can stop long enough in our long weekend to acknowledge that Memorial means we should remember and be truly grateful.

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Military News

Marine Cpl. Daniel P. Scott, son of Jack E. and Susan E. Scott of Belle Glade, recently reported for duty with 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, California.

Scott's rotation to a new duty station exemplifies the worldwide assignability of Marines

and Sailors. This flexibility allows our naval forces to protect U.S. national interests by serving as the principal enforcers of peacetime engagement, deterrence and crisis response around the world.

The 1995 graduate of Glades Day High School joined the Marine Corps in December 1995.

CHILDREN'S CRUSADE

Good Shepherd Church of God will be having a children's crusade beginning Sunday, May 31 at 6:00 p.m. and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

The theme for the crusade is "Walk the Walk and Talk the Talk". Teaching children to walk in God's steps. Returning evangelist are Ana & Doug Phillips. They will be teaching lessons, acting out skits, having contest and giving out prizes.

All children beginning with K-5 are welcomed as well as parents. This is a family affair.

Sorority News

Xi Zeta Mu held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Linda McMillan on Monday, April 27th.

Following the business meeting a program honoring Mother's Day was given by Laurel Tarr. Each member was presented with a carnation and was asked to share a special story about their mother. It was a most memorable evening where tears and laughter prevailed as each member reflected with love about their mother.

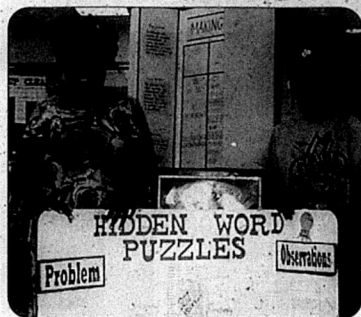
A delicious array of hors d'oeuvres were served by hostess Linda McMillan and co-hostess Judy McMillan. Those in attendance were: Florence Acree, Sandra Chambliss, Karen Corbin, Laurence Enfinger, Jane Evans, Janice Goforth, Laverne Motes, Pat McKee, Judy McMillan, Linda McMillan, SaraNell Phillips, Gloria Swager, Laurel Tarr and Greadie York.

The next monthly meeting will be held at the home of Greadie York on May 18th.

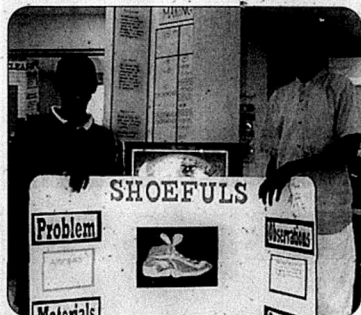
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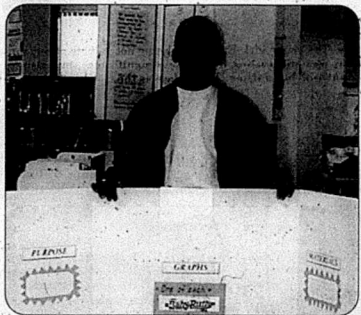
4th grade



1ST PLACE - MRS. YOUNG'S 4TH GRADE: "Hidden Word Puzzles" by Valery Elisee and Martine Charles.



2ND PLACE (TIE) - MRS. YOUTH'S 4TH GRADE: "Shoefuls" by Arnold Jackson and Jonerio Dukes.

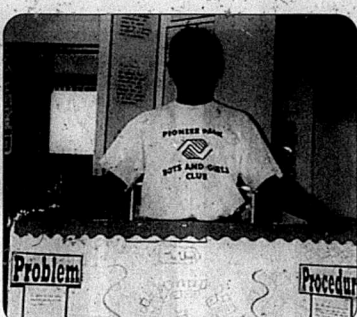


2ND PLACE (TIE) - MRS. WOODFOLK'S 4TH GRADE: "Nuts, Nuts - How Many Do You See?" by Tomeshia Duhart.

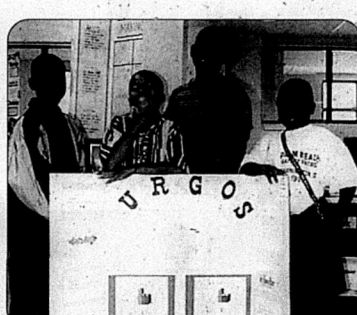


3RD PLACE - MRS. WOODFOLK'S 4TH GRADE: "Hands On Time" by Darrenish Coney.

5th grade



1ST PLACE - MRS. HANSEN'S 5TH GRADE: "The Wheel" by Artisha Hartwick.



2ND PLACE (TIE) - MRS. JOSEPH'S 5TH GRADE: "Nutrageous" by Timothy Hobbs, James Curry, Tommy Allen and Roneishia King.



2ND PLACE (TIE) - MRS. WALKER'S 5TH GRADE: "Pizza Anyone" by Sylvia Flores.



3RD PLACE - MRS. WALKER'S 5TH GRADE: "What's Your Favorite Cereal?" by Tommie Duhart.

See PIONEER PARK PICTURES

Troop 719

Most of the girls in Troop 719 are in the Kay Me after school program at the Catholic Charities Center. They toured over 14 historical sites in Belle Glade and the Lakeside area. The troop met with several storytellers, learned about the first black doll, sugar cane and vegetable farming and read about the early settlers to Belle Glade.

The girls put together a scrapbook called "A History Scrapbook of Belle Glade, FL," which has interviews and pictures of the town along with information about the hurricane of 1928 which left over 250 people dead in Belle Glade.

The first black doll, designed by Saralee Creech, was created in Belle Glade. Named, Saralee, it was introduced by Sears & Roebuck in their 1961 Christmas catalog. The doll was developed to give self-esteem to black children and was on the market for only three years. Recently, the Zora Neale Hurston Roof Gardens Museum created the second generation Saralee doll. The doll is very similar to the Saralee doll that was made in 1961, but the Zora doll is porcelain. Ms. Creech currently lives in Lake Worth.

The first bridge in Belle Glade was built by Lawrence Shuler, a tomato farmer and nightclub owner. The girls learned more about the famous black novelist, folklorist, short story writer and Belle Glade resident, Zora Neale Hurston. Zora was one of few black women to complete college in the 1920's and go on to become a well respected writer.

The scrapbook also details life in Belle Glade with pictures of the girls' homes, the parks they play in and information about the sugar cane and vegetable farmers. Many people in Belle Glade make a living working in the sugar cane fields.

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Troop earns 'Hometown History' Scout Patch

The Hometown History Project was started by the History Channel in an effort to link Girl Scouts with senior citizens, local historical organizations and educational activities. In 1995 a survey of high school seniors showed that 57% flunked a nationally administered U.S. history exam. This project gives girls the opportunity to explore the past in their own communities through oral history, architectural history, and neighborhood history. Upon completion of one activity, a Girl Scout will be entitled to a special "Hometown History" interest patch.

If you would like more information about anything covered, please feel free to call (561) 582-5362 ext. 19.

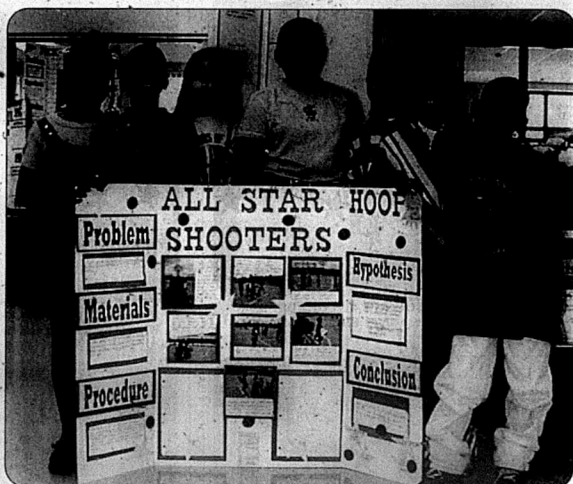
Student's School Projects a success for all!

Kindergarten



BIRD HOUSES were made by this Pioneer Park Elementary School Kindergarten class. Pictured above from left to right are Cherell Peterson, Francisco Ramirez, Eddie Blackmon, Nallely Chavarria, Jirus Davis, and Oscar Flores.

3rd grade



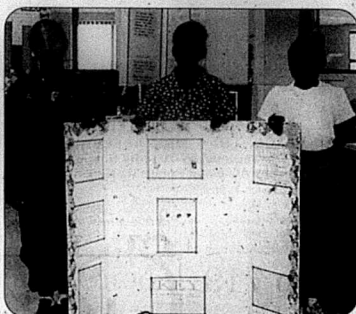
1ST PLACE - MRS. STEIN'S 3RD GRADE: "All Star Hoop Shooters" by Alteria Keyes, Kendell Fowler, Marili Torres, Leslie Hessing, Claudia Chavarria, Randolph King and Carl Morrison.

1st grade



1ST PLACE - MRS. MURPHY'S 1ST GRADE: "Family Order" by Jonathan Petithomme, Owenya Evans and Anthony Gorsuch.

2nd grade



1ST PLACE - MS. BLAIR'S 2ND GRADE: "To Taste Or Not To Taste, That Is The Question" by Jazmin Billings, Lucy Joseph and Tabatha Jones.



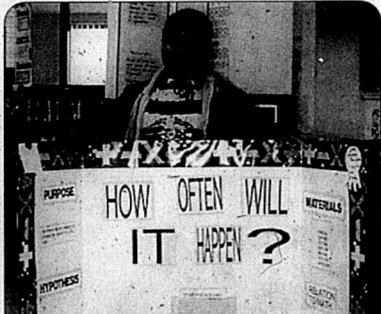
2ND PLACE (TIE) - MRS. CHAMPION'S 3RD GRADE: "Bubble Busters" by De'Keria King, Konneshia Williams, Marilyn Amicar and Leanshenja Roker.



2ND PLACE - MRS. BYRD'S 1ST GRADE: "Think, Link & Know" by Tishana Lawrence, Zanobia Rhibbs and Bre'anna Rivers.



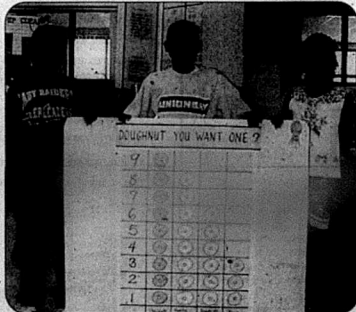
2ND PLACE - MRS. HOLLINGSWORTH'S 2ND GRADE: "Kernal Dance" by Cedrick West, Dangelo McFadden and Juliette Joseph.



2ND PLACE (TIE) - MS. SINGLETON 3RD GRADE: "How Often Will It Happen?" by Xaviera Benjamin.



3RD PLACE - MRS. CROSBY'S 1ST GRADE: "Apples Appeal To Us" by Nallely Chavarria, Oscar Flores and Gourneshia Crawford.



3RD PLACE - MRS. CHILOUS 2ND GRADE: "Doughnut, You Want One?" by Ashley Cameron, Robert Martin and Jacarian Humphries.



2ND PLACE (TIE) - MS. SINGLETON 3RD GRADE: "The Jelly Bean Story" by Semorl Novembre.

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Boating Safety Week May 16-22

Wear A Life Jacket, Earn A FREE T-Shirt

"Boat Smart from the Start, Wear Your Life Jacket," is the theme for this year's National Safe Boating Week, May 16-22. The Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission's (GFC's) Law Enforcement Division gears up for the nationwide safe boating campaign every year before Memorial Day weekend.

To promote life jacket use, Pennzoil Products Co. teamed up with the GFC by donating 2,000 T-shirts to be given away to children who wear life jackets dur-

ing the event. The T-shirts will bear the Pennzoil Marine (TM) and the GFC logos and the slogan, "I got caught wearing my life jacket." The idea is to reinforce safe boating practices with a positive reward. This initiative was spearheaded by Pennzoil as part of their Responsible Outdoor Education (TME) campaign.

"Fatalities in Florida would decrease if people would wear life jackets," Capt. Paul Ouellette, the GFC's boating safety coordinator said. "Sixty-

seven people died last year in boating accidents; 53 were not wearing personal flotation devices (PFDs). The leading cause of death was drowning. Many boaters think to have a life jacket close by is safe enough. Putting a life jacket on in the water is not easy, especially if you're knocked unconscious."

Other boating safety issues include boating while under the influence of alcohol (BUI) or drugs and boating education, Ouellette said.

Florida has 755,278 regis-

tered recreational vessels. Last year, there were 1,251 reported boating accidents, with 51 percent of the fatalities alcohol or drug related, according to the GFC 1997 Boating Safety Statistical Report.

"To boat smart from the start requires education and common sense, like wearing a life jacket anytime a vessel is under way, knowing the rules of navigation and boat operator instruction," Ouellette said. "Carelessness and inexperience are the primary causes of nearly all boating accidents."

Ouellette said he hopes the 1998 Safe Boating Campaign will generate a safe boating summer throughout Florida. Boating classes are offered throughout the state, so you can boat smart from the start. Check with your regional GFC office for locations and dates.

"Officers will be patrolling on Lake Okeechobee during the week. Those boaters who are seen wearing life jackets on boats, just because, will receive a FREE t-shirt from Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission officers." - Not Sea Doers or watercraft operators who are required to wear life jackets at all times while operating these vessels," said GFC's Officer M.E. Malone.

Glades Track Club Results

The Glades Track Club competed in the South Florida Age Group Team Championships May 9 at the North Miami Stadium, Miami.

GENEKEA MORRIS, 11
11-12, *Midjet Age Group*
• 3rd place - High Jump...4'0"
• 1st place - Shot Put...24'10"
• 3rd place - 80-meter

Hurdles...14.59
• 1st place - 1500-meter Run...5:54.88
Geneeka set three personal best records and tied her personal best Shot Put record this meet. Her last personal best scores were: High Jump 4'3.25", 80-meter Hurdles 15.44; and 1500-meter Run 6:01.89.

ANITA PERKINS
13-14, *Youth Age Group*
• 1st place - High Jump...4'5"
• 1st place - Shot Put...33'7"
• 1st place - 100-meter Hurdles...16.83
• 1st place - 1500-meter Run...5:08.65

Anita set two personal best records at this meet. Her last personal best scores were: High Jump 4'10", and 1500-meter Run 5:09.72.

TIFFANY SUMMERALL
11-12, *Youth Age Group*
• 1st place - 80-meter Hurdles...13.29
• 1st place - 100-meter Dash...13.00
• 2nd place - 4100-meter Dash...1:00.04
• 2nd place - 200-meter Dash...26.08
Tiffany tied all three of her personal best Dash records at this meet.



(SUNPHOTO by Buffie Chapman)

GLADES DAY SCHOOL'S Alex Molares signed with Cumberland University in Tennessee, gaining a four-year football scholarship. Mr. Molares played as a Varsity Gator football player for two years, earning Outstanding Back honors from GDS, All-Area 1st team honors and All-State Honorable Mention. Pictured with Alex (back row) from left to right are Alex's father, Jose Molares, mother, Maria and Head Football Coach Pete Walker.

PBCC's Athletes Recognized

• **Palm Beach Community College** held its annual Athletic Banquet and Awards Ceremony Wednesday, April 29, in the President's Dining Room at the Central Campus. Awards were presented as follows:

• **Cheerleading:** *Freshman*, Brandon Calloway, Kathleen Dolk, Dennis Nelson, Joy Pickens, Tachron Turner, Raeshena Walker.

• **Women's Basketball:** *Freshman*, Karen Austin, Dena Davis, Yolanda Glass, Manouchka Lovanice, Stacey Wynn; *Sophomore*, Celeste Cameron, Barbara Decker, Kara Reinholz.

• **Men's Baseball:** *Freshman*, Kevin Clark, Anthony Dellacosta, Nicholas Franco, Anthony Gine, Richard Gomerall, John Harbour, Yusuke Inoue, Robert Knapp, Michael Morales, Ari Novak, Nicholas Quinn, Jeff Savage, Jason Smith, John Tatum; *Sophomore*, Mike Diapoules, Eleazar Espinoza, Dwayne Jones, Frank Marcante, James McDonough, Brian Merkle, Eddie Piedra, Robert Santom, Javier Sein, Justin Smith, Mychal Teman, Tom Underhill.

PBCC - In addition, 36 of this year's 67 athletes earned 3.0 or higher grade point averages.

• **Women's Softball:** *Freshman*, Katie Brascia, Teresa Gottlieb, Tracy Hammett, Kara McEldowney, Melissa Paul, Lindsey Rhodes, Cynthia Rieskamp, Diane Sanchez, Stacey Wynn; *Sophomore*, Kimberly Hunter, Rachel Patrick, Donya Pettit.

• **Women's Volleyball:** *Freshman*, Paige Adler, Vickie Alvis, Amelia Bittner, Michelle Boggs, Krista Englert, Kathryn Esarey, Elizabeth Woltjer; *Sophomore*, Kristyn Esarey, Cassandra Neff, Lisa Noland, Kirstin Olsen, Camille Walker.

• **Men's Basketball:** *Freshman*, Alberto Arroyo, Eric Asbury, Mike Connor, Alfredo Ferreira, Matt Robbins, Antione Sirmans, Kimo Thompson, Ron Williams; *Sophomore*, Derek Fenton, Barry Hill, Constantino Melayess.

• **Scholar Athlete of the Year Female**, Kristyn Esarey; *Male*, Javier Sein.
• **Panther Awards:** *Basketball*, Manouchka Lovanice, Barry Hill; *Baseball*, James McDonough; *Softball*, Donya Pettit; *Volleyball*, Kathryn Esarey.

Goff chosen for All-Star team

Belle Glade resident Talisa Goff was picked to play on the 10 & under girls fastpitch softball "A" division All-Star team.

The team will travel throughout Florida, playing in weekend tournaments attempting to qualify for the National Softball Association State Championships and eventually on to the World Series.

The team's name is the Royal Palm Beach Panthers. They are currently 15-1 and have won all three tournaments entered.

The expense of the team is tremendous and each player was required to raise their fair share of the cost, through donations and fund raisers. Talisa would like to thank the following Belle

Glade business for their support:

Linda's Place, 3D Muffler & Brake, Caviness's Paint & Body, Moss Towing, Leo's Groceries, Averill's, Smith Barbers, C&C Industrial Supply, Belle Glade Bowl, Gilbert's Jewelers, Flotation Tire, and the officers at the City of Belle Glade Police Department.

- In Brief -

Glades Day School GREEN vs. GOLD football game May 22

On Friday, May 22, Glades Day School will host its annual Green vs. Gold football game at 7 p.m. Chicken dinners will be sold. Tickets are on sale now at the school. For further information call GDS at (561) 996-6769.

Glades Classic Golf Tournament, May 30

On Saturday, May 30, the Boys and Girls Club will host a four-person scramble golf tournament at the Belle Glades Municipal Golf Course.

Tee-off is 9 a.m. sharp. There is a \$50 registration fee. Registration may be done any time during the month of May or on the tourney day from 8 a.m. - 9 a.m., which includes the golf cart, a goody bag, a door prize ticket, two mulligans and refreshments.

A Hole-In-One on #17 wins a 1998 Ford Mustang courtesy of Glades Ford Lincoln Mercury. Other prizes include: 1st place - \$100 gift certificate, 2nd place - \$75 gift certificate; 3rd place - \$50 gift certificate, Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive.

The Glades Classic Golf Tournament benefits the Glades Boys and Girls Clubs, which now consists of six clubs in the Glades area.

"We are looking forward to seeing you at this fun-filled event!"

Give Dale Morris, Boys and Girls Club Chair, 561-996-8000; Brian R. Lohmann, Tournament Chair, 561-924-5651; or Sue Teets, Tournament Co-Chair, 561-996-1601, a call if you need more information!

LaBelle Bull Blow-Out Fund Raiser, May 30

The LaBelle Family Livestock Club 6-R Rodeo Production will host a Bull Blow-Out on Saturday, May 30, 6 p.m., at the LaBelle Rodeo Arena, Highway 29, LaBelle.

Events include: Bull Riding which has a 70% payback, \$500 added and \$50 entry fee. Steer Riding (ages 9-13) for a \$35 entry fee, a buckle is given for first place. Mutton Busting (8 & under) for a \$10 entry fee, a buckle is given for first place.

Admission is \$9 for adults and all proceeds go toward the club's year-end awards, which will be held the second Saturday in July.

For information or tickets call (941) 658-1649 or Bridgett Long (941) 657-5825. Call in on Monday and Tuesday, May 25-26, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. to register. The event is limited to 35 Bull Riders.

Glades Day School Spring Jamboree, May 30

Glades Day School will host its annual football Spring Jamboree on Saturday, May 30. Two football games will be held, American Heritage vs. Benjamin, 4:30 p.m.; and Glades Day vs. Kings Academy, 7 p.m.

Both games will be held at Glades Day School's football field, 400 NE Avenue L, Belle Glade.



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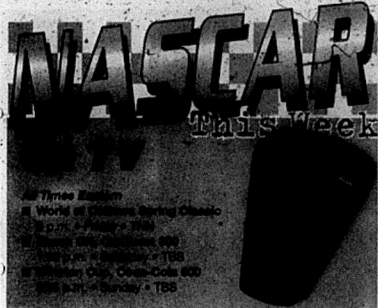
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8. Jimmy Spencer, 1,184	8. Randy LaJoie, 1,227	8. Bryan Haffaj, 624
9. Bobby Labonte, 1,168	9. Glenn Allen, 1,277	9. Tony Roper, 605
10. Ken Schrader, 1,168	10. Tim Fedewa, 1,268	10. Bob Kasevich, 603

FROM LAST WEEK

WINSTON CUP SERIES

Mark Martin took advantage of an incredible mistake on the final lap to win The Winston all-star race at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Martin assumed the lead after defending champion Jeff Gordon ran out of gas at the white flag. Fuel mileage should not have been an issue in such a short (105-mile) race.

The Ford driver also won the race's second segment, giving him earnings of \$267,500 for a race watched by more than 150,000 fans.

"It's pretty embarrassing," admitted a dejected Gordon. "I don't know all the specifics of what happened, but I do know this: We had an awesome car." Jeremy Mayfield won the

evening's primary undercard, earning a transfer into The Winston with a victory in the 50-lap Winston Open.

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

For the first time since 1995, Tim Fedewa captured the annual BGN race at Nazareth (Pa.) Speedway. The victories are notable since they make up the Holt, Mich., driver's two career victories in the division.

Dale Earnhardt Jr., the pole winner, dominated the early going but crashed after being penalized by NASCAR for illegally entering the pits.

In 11 events, the Busch Grand National division has had 10 different race winners this year. Only Joe Nemechek has scored twice.

TOP TEN

- Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.
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 2. Jeff Gordon (2)
 3. Rusty Wallace (3)
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 6. Dale Jarrett (6)
 7. Dale Earnhardt Jr. (7)
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 9. Jeff Gordon (9)
 10. Bill Elliott (10)

ON THE SCHEDULE

Date	Race	1997 Winner	Pole
May 24	Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.	J. Gordon	J. Gordon
May 31	Miller 500, Dover, Del.	R. Rudd	B. Labonte
June 6	Pontiac 600, Richmond, Va.	R. Wallace	T. Labonte
June 14	Miller 400, Brooklyn, Mich.	J. Gordon	J. Gordon
June 21	Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.	J. Gordon	J. Gordon
June 28	Save Mart 300, Sonoma, Calif.	J. Gordon	J. Gordon
July 4	Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.	J. Gordon	J. Gordon
July 12	July 12, 300, Loudon, N.H.	J. Gordon	J. Gordon
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Aug. 22	Goody's 500, Bristol, Tenn.	J. Gordon	J. Gordon

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Terry Labonte vs. Kenny Irwin

The rookie driver knocked the two-time champion out of The Winston, prompting Labonte to say Irwin "got into the race by a technicality." Irwin's place was derived from races won by Ernie Ivan for car owner Robert Yates) and to hint that Irwin had no

business being there. NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton gives his opinion: "Irwin seems to be feeling the pressure of debuting in Winston Cup with such a powerful team. It's not easy being labeled the 'next Jeff Gordon.'"

AROUND THE GARAGE

Rumor has track owners petitioning for bias-ply tires

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week
CONCORD, N.C. — A persistent rumor at Charlotte Motor Speedway has a group of track owners petitioning NASCAR to bring back bias-ply tires.

Winston Cup cars have been shod with radial tires since the late 1980s, but those who prefer the old bias-ply tires cite two weaknesses of the radials. The newer tires are so adhesive that they are hard on racing surfaces, requiring frequent repaving, and from a driver's viewpoint, they are not "forgiving." It is easier with bias-ply rubber for a driver to

regain control of a car that has lost adhesion.

In all other respects, radial tires are clearly superior. Goodyear officials said the company had no plans to produce bias-ply racing tires.

NASCAR spokesman Jeff Motley said, "For tires, we rely on the expertise and advice of Goodyear, and if Goodyear says there are no plans to produce bias-ply tires, then they will not be used."

LIFE'S A GAS: MARK. Danny Dwyer's "gasman" could participate in a winning pit crew in two weeks' time Sunday. In addition to his normal duties as "gasman" for

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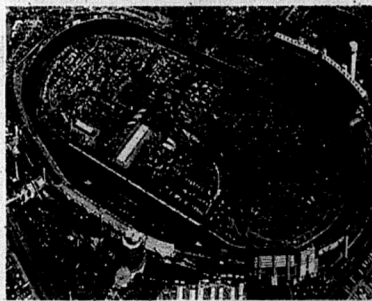
Photos courtesy of Charlotte Motor Speedway

Above and below, Charlotte Motor Speedway hosts thousands of the '97 UAW-QM 500.

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week
LOCATION: Concord, N.C.
SIZE & CONFIGURATION: 1.5-mile tri-oval
OPENED: 1960
ALL-TIME WINSTON CUP RACE WINNER: Bobby Allison and Darrell Waltrip, each with six victories.
ALL-TIME BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL RACE WINNER: Mark Martin and Harry Gant, each with four victories.

SCHEDULE: May 16, The Winston; May 23, CarQuest Auto Parts 300 (BGN); May 24, Coca-Cola 600 (Cup); July 25, Visionaire 500 (Indy Racing League); Oct. 3, All Pro Bumper to Bumper 300 (BGN); Oct. 4, UAW-QM 500 (Cup).

Charlotte Motor Speedway set the standard for fan comfort and innovativeness that many other NASCAR facilities have strived to equal. Under the far-sighted leadership of builder O. Bruton Smith and general manager H.A. (Humpy)



Wheeler, CMS led the way in constructing comfortable seating, luxury suites, a Speedway Club and even a high-rise condominium complex overlooking turn one. CMS was the first NASCAR superspeedway to install an advanced lighting system for night racing. Charlotte races are always an event, both for

spine-tingling action and gaudy promotions: Military exhibitions, stunt shows and the Legends car races are conducted on a small track in the tri-oval. Even as similarly upscale facilities are being built around the country, Charlotte Motor Speedway remains the premier showcase of stock car racing.

YOUR TURN

Dear NASCAR This Week,

I am wondering why [NASCAR is] allowing these "race teams" to place so many cars in a race.

I am a Ford person and like all the race drivers, but the way things are going, there will be only several race teams [soon]. I am 63 years old, and years ago, racing started out to be competition. Now it's all about who has the most money. Let's keep the money there and give more teams a chance to enter in a race, say, no more than three cars.

I'm sure there are a lot of people out there who feel as I do.

I personally am losing interest in racing because you know at least four of the top 10 cars finishing in a race will be a Jack Roush car.

Robert Taylor
Munith, Mich.

If you've got a question or a comment, write **NASCAR This Week** Your Turn, c/o The Gaston Gazette, 2600 E. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, N.C. 28054

How could you pick Mark Martin's crew, which made a wrong call in the Winston, or Jeff Gordon's, which allowed his driver to run out of gas? The nod goes to BAICE Motorsports, which put Tim Fedewa back in victory lane at Nazareth for the first time since 1995.

Peter Golanbook has written another compelling stock car racing book, "The Last Lap" (Macmillan USA, \$24.95), which focuses on unfilled legends of men like Fireball Roberts, Bobby Isaac, Davey Allison and Alan Kulwicki. While fraught with pesky errors, the book seldom errs in its straight-shooting treatment of the sport.

TRIVIA

1. What adjective was used to describe the Hudson Hornet?
2. What two-time champion was known as "Little Joe"?
3. Who is "Mr. Excitement"?

WHO'S HOT
Jeremy Mayfield has nine top-15 finishes in the first 10 races.

WHO'S NOT
Mayfield's teammate, Rusty Wallace, has gone 39 races since his last victory.

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SCHOOL NEWS



HARRELL RECEIVES DEAN'S AWARD AT CUA LAW SCHOOL

Nikiis K. Harrell of Belle Glade, has recently completed her first year of legal studies at the Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Ms. Harrell is the daughter of Earlyne R. Harrell, Director of Education at Wackenhut Correctional Facility, and Freddie L. Harrell, retired Dean of Students for Palm Beach Community College.

Ms. Harrell was recently awarded the Dean's First Lap Award. This award is presented to a first year student who has contributed outstanding service to the law school community during their first year of studies. Nikiis' contributions enabled the Catholic University Law School's chapter of the Black Law Students Association to be awarded "Regional Chapter of the

Year". Nikiis has been elected to serve as vice-president of the Black Law Students Association for the upcoming 1998-99 academic school year.

Ms. Harrell was also accepted to attend a Comparative



Nikiis K. Harrell

and International Law Program to study abroad this summer in Paris, France and

Geneva, Switzerland, but must decline the invitation due to lack of institutional aid.

Prior to attending law school, Ms. Harrell worked for MCI Communications Corporation in the Law and Public Policy Department at their world headquarters in Washington, D.C. Nikiis received her legal assistant certificate from Georgetown University in 1996. Ms. Harrell, who is presently 25 years of age, is a 1994 graduate of Hampton University where she received her Bachelor of Arts in English. Ms. Harrell will sit for the Florida bar examination upon graduation from law school in the year 2000. This summer Ms. Harrell plans to intern in the DC metropolitan area and possibly attending school for the summer session.



Harold Miller, an employee of King Ranch Florida, was student of the month at Palm Beach Community College. He was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa in April. Harold has maintained a 3.8 grade point average while working full time and will be graduating this fall with an AA Degree in Business.

PATHFINDER SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Several local students were chosen as nominees for the Pathfinder Scholarship Awards.

Technical/Vocational/Agricultural - Lovette Bolden, Glades Central Community High School; Zachariah Sepulveda, Pahokee Middle/Senior High School.

Sports - Arthur Brown, Glades Central Community High School; Brandi Pringle, Pahokee Middle/Senior High School; Alicia Schaper, Glades Day School.

Science - Ibrahim Alava, III, Glades Day School; La Tisha Jones, Pahokee Middle/Senior High School.

Reach for Excellence - Nicholas Bobilin, Pahokee Middle/Senior High School.

POTTER GRADUATES!
Earl C. Potter II, a 1993 graduate of Glades Central Community High School, and son of Rev. Earl and Dorothy A. Potter, graduated from the University of Tampa in May with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music/Performing Arts. Earl has been selected as a summer intern at the Maine State Music Theater Program in Brunswick, ME.

LOCAL TEACHER SELECTED FOR STATEWIDE PROGRAM
Beverly Sigal from Glades Central Community High School has been selected to attend the Florida Center for Teachers program for 1998. She will attend one of ten weeklong, all expense paid seminars. Sponsored by the Florida Humanities Council the program is designed to recognize and reward good teaching, inspire intellectual

Mathematics - Kristina Perez, Glades Day School; Ramon Trevino, Glades Central Community High School.

Literature - Lindsay Bennett, Glades Central Community High School; Courtney Braddock, Glades Day School.

History/Political Science - Jacob Savage, Pahokee Middle/Senior High School.

Foreign Language - Michelle Herring, Glades Day School.

Drama - Raymond Hamilton, Glades Central Community High School.

Community Involvement - Shetiqua Davis, Glades Central Community High School; Anne Sorrell, Pahokee Middle/Senior

High School; Emily Watson, Glades Day School.

Communications - Custavious Patterson, Glades Central Community High School.

Business - Latoya Daniels, Glades Central Community High School.

Art - Fidelia Perez, Glades Central Community High School; Jose Roncero, Pahokee Middle/Senior High School; James Wilkinson, Jr., Glades Day School.

Academic Excellence - Parker Altman, Glades Day School; Lloron Dowdell, Glades Central Community High School; George Perez, Pahokee Middle/Senior High School.

Advanced registration is required. A nine-member panel of state and local leaders including Senators Tom Rossin and Matthew Meadows, Representative Sharon Merchant, Palm Beach County business Alliance Chairman M.J. "Mike" Arts and Palm Beach County Commissioner Carol Roberts will discuss the actions and impact of the 1998 Florida Legislative Session on government, business, education and economic development.

Advanced registration is \$10 and must be received by May 20. Registration forms are available from the PBCC Florida Institute of Government. Mail completed forms to: Florida Institute of Government, 4200 Congress Avenue, Lake Worth, FL 33461-4296, or fax the form and a purchase order or letter of intent to (561) 438-8369.

OUTSTANDING TEACHERS RECOGNIZED

Members of the Palm Beach County School Board, the Superintendent of Schools and the Classroom Teachers Association honored the outstanding teachers May 6.

A reception was held at the Classroom Teachers Association in West Palm Beach to honor the winners and finalists of the William T. Dwyer Award program and the nominees to Florida's Teacher of the Year Program, including Palm Beach County Teacher of the Year, Sonja Lutz.

Approximately 150 education and business leaders attended this celebration.

Teacher of the Year Nominees - Betty Barnard, Belle Glade Elementary School; Esther D. Boyd, Pahokee Middle/Senior High School; Geraldine S. Russell, Pioneer Park Elementary School; Deborah Clarke, Rosendal Elementary School; Gayle Zavala, Gove Elementary School; **Teacher of the Year** - Sonja Lutz, Glades Central Community High School.

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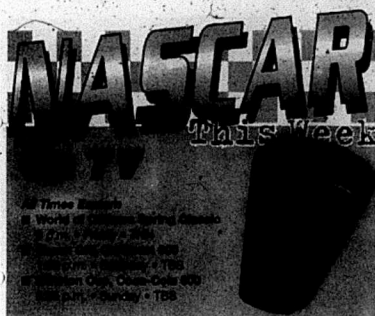
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8. Jimmy Spencer, 1,184	8. Randy LaJoie, 1,287	8. Bryan Reffner, 654
9. Bobby Labonte, 1,109	9. Glenn Allen, 1,277	9. Tony Raines, 605
10. Ken Schrader, 1,158	10. Tom Fedewa, 1,268	10. Bob Kasakowski, 603

FROM LAST WEEK

WINSTON CUP SERIES

Mark Martin took advantage of an incredible mistake on the final lap to win The Winston all-star race at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Martin assumed the lead after defending champion Jeff Gordon ran out of gas at the white flag. Fuel mileage should not have been an issue in such a short (105-mile) race.

The Ford driver also won the race's second segment, giving him earnings of \$257,500 for a race watched by more than 150,000 fans.

"It's pretty embarrassing," admitted a dejected Gordon. "I don't know all the specifics of what happened, but I do know this: We had an awesome car." Jeremy Mayfield won the

evening's primary undercard, earning a transfer into The Winston with a victory in the 50-lap Winston Open.

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

For the first time since 1995, Tim Fedewa captured the annual BGN race at Nazareth (Pa.) Speedway. The victories are notable since they make up the Holt, Mich., driver's two career victories in the division.

Dale Earnhardt Jr., the pole winner, dominated the early going but crashed after being penalized by NASCAR for illegally entering the pits.

In 11 events, the Busch Grand National division has had 10 different race winners this year. Only Joe Nemechek has scored twice.

TOP TEN

Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

1. Mark Martin (1)
2. Jeff Gordon (2)
3. Jeremy Mayfield (3)
4. Rusty Wallace (4)
5. Bobby Labonte (5)
6. Dale Jarrett (6)
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9. Tony Stewart (9)
10. Kevin Harvick (10)

ON THE SCHEDULE

Date	Race	1997 Winner	Pole
May 24	Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.	J. Gordon	J. Gordon
May 31	Miller 500, Dover, Del.	R. Rudd	B. Labonte
June 8	Pontiac 400, Richmond, Va.	R. Wallace	T. Labonte
June 14	Miller 400, Brooklyn, Mich.	I. Inman	J. Harvick
June 21	Pennzoil 500, Long Pond, Pa.	J. Gordon	M. Martin
June 28	Save Mart 300, Sonoma, Calif.	A. Martin	S. Skinner
July 4	Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.	J. Burton	H. Hefner
July 12	Jiffy Lube 500, Loudon, N.H.	J. Harvick	N. Meacham
July 20	Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.	R. Rudd	I. Inman
July 27	Bridgestone 400, Speedway, Ind.	J. Gordon	T. Bodine
Aug. 9	Bud at the Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.	M. Martin	B. Benson
Aug. 16	DeVilbiss 400, Brooklyn, Mich.	J. Harvick	K. Wallace
Aug. 22	Goody's 500, Bristol, Tenn.		

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Terry Labonte vs. Kenny Irwin

The rookie driver knocked the two-time champion out of The Winston, prompting Labonte to say Irwin "got into the race by a technicality" (Irwin's place was derived from races won by Ernie Ivan for car owner Robert Yates) and to hint that Irwin had no

business being there. **NASCAR This Week** writer Monte Dutton gave his opinion: "Irwin seems to be feeling the pressure of debuting in Winston Cup with such a powerful team. It's not easy being labeled the next Jeff Gordon."

AROUND THE GARAGE

Rumor has track owners petitioning for bias-ply tires

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

CONCORD, N.C. — A persistent rumor at Charlotte Motor Speedway had a group of track owners petitioning NASCAR to bring back bias-ply tires. Winston Cup cars have been shod with radial tires since the late 1980s, but those who prefer the old bias-ply tires cite two weaknesses of the radials. The newer tires are so adhesive that they are hard on racing surfaces, requiring frequent repaving, and from a driver's viewpoint, they are "not forgiving." It is easier with bias-ply rubber for a driver to

regain control of a car that has lost adhesion.

In all other respects, radial tires are clearly superior. Goodyear officials said the company had no plans to produce bias-ply racing tires.

NASCAR spokesman Jeff Molley said, "For tires, we rely on the expertise and advice of Goodyear and if Goodyear says there are no plans to produce bias-ply racing tires, then they will not be used."

LIFE'S A GARAGE. Many Danny Cookwell's Myers could participate in a winning pit crew in two weeks' time. In addition to his normal duties as "gasman" for

Dale Earnhardt, Myers will work in the Indianapolis 500 crew of Billy Ballew, who drives for four-time Indy winner A.J. Foyt. "In fact, Billy Ballew won the pole Saturday for Brickyard Meyers' best chance for victory," he might be with the G-Force/Aurora driven by Boat.

Fueling at Indy is practically a different job than in NASCAR, where 11-gallon tanks are hoisted into the air and the gasoline transferred by gravity and bannan. At Indy, the fuel is transferred via a locking hose mechanism. Myers, the son of one-time

Wheeler, CMS led the way in constructing comfortable seating, luxury suites, a Speedway Club and even a high-rise condominium complex overlooking turn one. CMS was the first NASCAR, superspeedway to install an advanced lighting system for night racing. Charlotte races are always an event, both for

spine-tingling action and gaudy promotions: Military exhibitions, stunt shows and the Legends car races are conducted on a small track in the tri-oval. Even as similarly upscale facilities are being built around the country, Charlotte Motor Speedway remains the premier showcase of stock car racing.

Peter Golenbock has written another compelling stock car racing book, "The Last Lap" (Macmillan USA, \$24.95), which focuses on influential legends of men like Fireball Roberts, Bobby Isaac, Davey Allison and Alan Kulwicki. While fraught with pesky little errors, the book seldom errs in its straight-shooting treatment of the sport.

TRIVIA

1. What adjective was used to describe the Hudson Hornet?
2. What two-time champion was known as "Little Joe"?
3. Who is "Mr. Excitement"?

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Buick Park Avenue/Ultra - Size, grace and high performance



By Michael Lamm
Photos by Greg Jarem

EDITORS REPORT Summary of Owners Reports

In the entry-luxury class, Buick's Park Avenue and its more opulent cousin, the Park Avenue Ultra, face some pretty stiff competition. Any buyer willing to pay \$27,000 to \$35,000 for either one of Buick's two flagship sedans may as well test drive the Cadillac Catera, Oldsmobile Aurora, Mercedes C-Class, Lexus ES 600, Audi A6, Saab 9-5 and Volvo S70. Lexus ES 300, Audi A6, Saab 9-5 and Volvo S70.

The Park and Ultra can lay claim to a tradition of solid workmanship, because Buick has long matched or beaten the imports in quality and customer satisfaction. And both versions were totally redesigned for 1997. Both now share a modified G-body platform with the Buick Riviera, Olds Aurora and brand-new Cadillac Seville. The Park Ave and Ultra also were given all-new interiors.

As a result, Park Avenue's body structure is stronger and more torsionally rigid than before. And because Buick emphasizes ride quality, rubber-bushed front and rear subframes now isolate all suspension components

as well as the powertrain. The Park Ave and Ultra use MacPherson struts up front and semi-trailing arms at the rear.

To keep weight down, both cars have aluminum hoods and boast cast-magnesium cross-car beams that stiffen the cowl area and act as anchors for the redesigned instrument panel. An optional head-up display projects the speedometer and several warning tell-tales onto the windshield in front of the driver. Owners who ordered the head-up display liked it. The driver. Owners who ordered the head-up display liked it.

Not so well liked, was Buick's new seat-mounted belt system, which digs uncomfortably into the shoulder and torso. The previous, more adjustable system was preferred. Triple door seals are designed to keep out noise, but again we heard rumbles about wind noise at highway speeds. Park Avenue buyers are happy, though, with Buick's replaceable air filter in the dual-zone climate control. This gadget really works by removing pollen and dust from air entering the interi-

or through the vents. Standard on the Ultra and optional on the Park are rain-sensing wipers that measure windshield moisture and adjust the motor speed accordingly.

This technology was introduced earlier on Cadillacs—which also offer it this year. Interestingly, a few people in our survey pooch-pooled this technology, saying the wipers can't keep up with changing conditions and get confused by underpasses and spray thrown up by big-rig trucks.

The Ultra comes with leather upholstery, real wood grain and a 9-speaker sound system with eight subamps. And the big, juicy standard goody is

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highly sophisticated Buick's supercharged 3800 Series II V6. This robust, highly sophisticated pushrod engine delivers an appreciated 240 hp and 280 ft.-lb. of torque. It gets virtually the same fuel mileage as the unsupercharged Park Avenue, but it requires premium fuel. The standard Park Ave's normally aspirated V6 produces a still respectable 205 hp and 240 ft.-lb. of torque and uses regular fuel. Both iterations of the engine are virtually maintenance-free for 100,000 miles, requiring only oil and filter changes but never needing a cambelt replacement nor a conventional tuneup.

Four-wheel, antilock disc brakes are standard, and the Ultra additionally comes with traction control, a tire-pressure monitoring system and a heavier-duty version of the 4-speed overdrive automatic transaxle.

Many buyers told us they chose the Park Ave and Ultra because GM discontinued the Roadmaster and Olds 98. Buick's flagships appeal largely to an older, affluent clientele, many of whom are retired. They value roominess, comfort and luxury in a solid, good-looking package that isn't flashy. The 1997 Park Avenue and Park Avenue Ultra quite amply fill that bill.

SUMMARY OF BUICK PARK AVENUE/ULTRA OWNERS REPORTS*

Total miles driven	1,086,667	Overall convenience:	Excellent 55.7%
Average miles driven	3773	Good	42.4
Purchase price:		Fair	1.8
Average	\$31,483	Poor	0.0
Range	\$27,754-\$35,660	Workmanship opinion:	Excellent 72.6%
Model frequency:		Good	26.7
Park Avenue	84.7%	Fair	0.7
Ultra	15.3	Poor	0.0
Options and accessories:		Body fit and finish	Excellent 66.2%
Air filtration system	61.5%	Good	29.3
Heated power seats	50.2	Fair	3.8
Chrome alloy wheels	42.2	Poor	0.7
Head-up display	32.7	Interior materials	Excellent 67.2%
Gran Touring package	28.7	Good	29.7
Moonroof	7.4	Fair	3.1
		Poor	0.0
Why did you choose the Buick Park Avenue/Ultra?		Noise isolation	Excellent 63.8%
Past experience with GM cars	49.4%	Good	35.6
Styling	29.1	Fair	8.7
Riding qualities	12.7	Poor	2.4
Comfort	10.8	General comfort:	
Handling	7.6	Front seats	Excellent 71.8%
Standard equipment	6.8	Good	25.4
Price/value	6.0	Fair	1.2
Average miles per gallon, city/hwy:		Poor	1.1
Park Ave	20.7/28.2	Rear seats	Excellent 65.1%
Ultra	20.4/26.9	Good	31.8
Specific likes:		Fair	2.7
Comfort	41.6%	Poor	0.4
Riding qualities	39.5	Ride	Excellent 73.0%
Handling	33.0	Good	25.6
Styling	31.3	Fair	1.4
Power and performance	20.6	Poor	0.0
Economy	17.6	Roominess	Excellent 71.9%
Silence	13.3	Good	26.7
Roominess	11.6	Fair	1.4
Specific dislikes:		Poor	0.0
No complaints	16.7%	Entry and exit	Excellent 65.7%
Price too high	10.3	Good	30.4
Small glovebox	6.4	Fair	3.5
Poor rear visibility	5.9	Poor	0.3
Noises and rattles	5.9	Had any trouble, mechanical or otherwise?	
Lack of comfort	5.9	No	64.9%
Shoulder belts	5.9	Yes	35.1
Not enough storage	5.4	What type of trouble?	
Suggested changes		Shoulder harness	13.6%
Better rear visibility	9.9%	Wind and tire noise	10.7
Bigger glovebox	9.2	Brake squeal	8.7
Don't change a thing	7.9	Stubbhorn door latches	5.8
Less wind and road noise	5.9	Loose rearview mirror	4.9
Better seats	5.9	Climate control system	3.9
More storage bins	5.3	Wheel alignment	3.9
Add Northstar V8	4.6	Electrical	3.9
Performance opinion:		Were repairs done under warranty?	
Power/acceleration		Yes	96.8%
Excellent	48.3%	No	3.2
Good	47.6	Were the dealer repairs satisfactory?	
Fair	4.2	Yes	79.1%
Poor	0.0	No	20.9
Braking		Warranty service opinion:	
Excellent	59.9%	Excellent	68.1%
Good	37.7	Good	30.1
Fair	2.4	Fair	1.3
Poor	0.0	Poor	0.4
High-speed maneuverability		Dealer sales policy:	
Excellent	63.1%	Excellent	62.6%
Good	34.0	Good	34.6
Fair	2.5	Fair	2.1
Poor	0.0	Poor	0.7
Parking ease		Number of vehicles owned:	
Excellent	49.5%	This vehicle only	29.1%
Good	44.0	Two vehicles	55.5
Fair	4.0	Three vehicles	10.3
Poor	0.0	Four or more vehicles	5.1
Crosswind stability		Principal driver:	
Excellent	52.1%	Male	49.8%
Good	43.1	Female	25.8
Fair	3.9	Both equally	24.4
Poor	1.1	Age distribution of owners	
Overall performance		Under 30	0.7%
Excellent	59.6%	30-49	8.7
Good	37.9	50-plus	93.5
Fair	2.5		
Poor	0.0		
Driving convenience:			
Driver sightlines			
Excellent:	57.3%		
Good	36.7		
Fair	6.2		
Poor	0.7		
Layout of controls			
Excellent	53.8%		
Good	40.2		
Fair	5.6		
Poor	0.3		
Trunk roominess			
Excellent	67.5%		
Good	29.1		
Fair	3.5		
Poor	0.0		
Trunk access			
Excellent	71.4%		
Good	27.9		
Fair	0.3		
Poor	0.3		
Inside storage			
Excellent	46.3%		
Good	38.9		
Fair	10.5		
Poor	4.2		
Based on your experience, would you buy a Park Avenue or Ultra again?			
Yes	80.8%		
Maybe	17.4		
No	1.7		

*Percentages might not equal 100% due to rounding up or insufficient data.

EDITORS REPORT: A Gentleman's Express

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And the Buick can carry six adults (as opposed to five in most other sedans), while cruising down the freeway, reeling in the old Mustang or Camaro along the way.

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Buick Park Avenue/Ultra - Size, grace and high performance



By Michael Lamm
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EDITORS REPORT Summary of Owners' Reports

In the entry luxury class, Buick's Park Avenue and its more opulent cousin, the Park Avenue Ultra, face some pretty stiff competition. Any buyer willing to pay \$27,000 to \$35,000 for either one of Buick's two flagship sedans may as well test drive the Cadillac Catera, Oldsmobile Aurora, Mercedes C-Class, Lexus ES 300, Audi A6, Saab 9.5 and Volvo S70.

The Park and Ultra can lay claim to a tradition of solid workmanship, because Buick has long milled or beaten the imports in quality and customer satisfaction. And both versions were totally redesigned for 1997. Both now share a modified G-body platform with the Buick Riviera, Olds Aurora and brand-new Cadillac Seville. The Park Ave and Ultra also were given all-new interiors.

As a result, Park Avenue's body structure is stronger and more torsionally rigid than before. And because Buick emphasizes ride quality, rubber bushed front and rear subframes now isolate all suspension components from air entering the interior.

EDITORS REPORT A Gentleman's Express

Buick would be hard pressed to keep up with demand if more new-car shoppers kept their options open. The sad truth of it is, an awful lot of people with ready cash and a banker's check for a four-door hold straight down to their BMW, Acura or Lexus dealership and don't even look in the window of the Buick store. That's a shame. You see, in a recent Popular Mechanics comparison test, we found the supercharged Park Avenue Ultra to be faster through the quarter mile than a dozen other cars all well-known, highly regarded sports sedans.



And the Buick can carry six adults (as opposed to five in most other sedans), while cruising down the freeway, feeling in the odd Mustang or Camaro along the way.

But the Park Avenue, true to its heritage, delivers this astounding performance in a most genteel, unassuming manner. The potent V6 supercharged or not makes little noise and less fuss. Equally impressive is the way the flat, supple chassis responds to the steering wheel's directions, keeping the big car on track no matter how winding the road is.

There's none of the familiar GM front-end, float-over-impediment vibrations. This chassis soaks up bumps and isolates the car's occupants the way a big Buick should, without inducing carsickness the way too many older Buicks did.

as well as the powertrain. The Park Ave and Ultra use MacPherson struts up front and semi-trailing arms at the rear.

To keep weight down, both cars have aluminum hoods and heavy cast magnesium cross-car beams that stiffen the roof area and act as anchors for the re-designed instrument panel. An optional head-up display projects the speedometer and several warning, tell tales onto the windshield in front of the driver. Owners who ordered the head-up display liked it, the driver's gauges who ordered the head-up display liked it.

Not as well liked was the new seat-mounted belt system, which the owners found infuriatingly uncomfortable. The shoulder and torso Tilt-Prevx, more adjustable, system was preferred. Triple door seals are designed to keep out noise, but some owners heard rumbles about panel noise at highway speeds. Park Avenue buyers are happy, though, with Buick's replaceable air filter in the dual-zone climate control. This gadget really works by replacing pollen and dust all suspension components from air entering the interior.

or through the vents.

Standard on the Ultra and optional on the Park are rain-sensing wipers, that measure windshield moisture and adjust the motor speed accordingly.

This technology was introduced earlier on Cadillacs which also offer it this year. Interestingly, a few people in our survey pooh-poohed this technology, saying the wipers can't keep up with changing conditions and get confused by underpasses and spray thrown up by big rig trucks.

The Ultra comes with leather upholstery, real wood grain and a 9-speaker sound system with eight subamps. And the big, juicy standard audio is.

Buick's supercharged 3800 Series II V6. This robust,



highly sophisticated Buick's supercharged 3800 Series II V6. This robust, highly sophisticated, pushrod engine delivers an appreciated 240 hp and 280 ft. lb. of torque. It gets virtually the same fuel mileage as the unsupercharged Park Avenue, but it requires premium fuel. The standard Park Ave's normally aspirated V6 produces a still respectable 205 hp and 240 ft. lb. of torque and uses regular fuel. Both iterations of the engine are virtually maintenance-free for 100,000 miles, requiring only oil and filter changes but never needing a cam-belt replacement nor a conventional tuneup.

Four-wheel, anti-lock disc brakes are standard, and the Ultra additionally comes with traction control, a tire-pressure monitoring system and a heavier-duty version of the 4-speed overdrive automatic transaxle.

Many buyers told us they chose the Park Ave and Ultra because GM discontinued the Roadmaster and Olds 98. Buick's flagships appeal largely to an older, affluent clientele, many of whom are retired. They value roominess, comfort and luxury in a solid, good-looking package that isn't flashy. The 1997 Park Avenue and Park Avenue Ultra quite amply fill that bill.

SUMMARY OF BUICK PARK AVENUE/ULTRA OWNERS REPORTS*

Total miles driven	1,086,667	Overall convenience:	
Average miles driven	3773	Excellent	55.7%
Purchase price:		Good	42.4
Average	\$31,483	Fair	1.8
Range	\$27,754-\$35,660	Poor	0.0
Mile frequency:		Workmanship opinion:	
Park Avenue	84.7%	Excellent	66.2%
Ultra	15.3	Excellent	72.6%
Options and accessories:		Good	26.7
Air filtration system	61.5%	Fair	0.7
Heated power seats	50.2	Poor	0.0
Chrome alloy wheels	42.2	Body fit and finish	
Head-up display	32.7	Excellent	66.2%
Gran Touring package	28.7	Good	29.3
Moonroof	7.4	Fair	3.8
		Poor	0.7

Why did you choose the Buick Park Avenue/Ultra?

Past experience with GM cars	49.4%
Styling	29.1
Riding qualities	12.7
Comfort	19.8
Handling	7.6
Standard equipment	6.8
True value	6.0
Average miles per gallon, city/hwy:	
Park Ave	20.7/28.2
Ultra	20.4/26.9

Specific likes:

Comfort	41.6%
Riding qualities	39.5
Handling	33.0
Styling	31.3
Power and performance	20.6
Economy	17.6
Silence	13.3
Roominess	11.6

Specific dislikes:

No complaints	16.7%
Price too high	10.3
Small glovebox	7.8
Poor rear visibility	6.4
Noises and rattles	5.9
Lack of comfort	5.9
Shoulder belts	5.9
Not enough storage	5.4
Suggested changes:	
Better rear visibility	9.9%
Bigger glovebox	9.2
Don't change a thing	7.9
Less wind and road noise	5.9
Better seats	5.9
More storage bins	5.3
Add Northstar V8	4.6

Performance opinion:

Power/acceleration	
Excellent	48.3%
Good	47.6
Fair	4.2
Poor	0.0

Braking

Excellent	59.9%
Good	37.7
Fair	2.4
Poor	0.0

High-speed maneuverability

Excellent	63.1%
Good	34.0
Poor	0.0

Parking ease

Excellent	49.5%
Good	44.0
Fair	6.5
Poor	0.0

Crosswind stability

Excellent	52.1%
Good	43.1
Fair	3.9
Poor	1.1

Overall performance

Excellent	59.6%
Good	37.9
Fair	2.5
Poor	0.0

Driving convenience:

Driver sightlines	
Excellent	57.3%
Good	36.7
Fair	5.2
Poor	0.7

Layout of controls

Excellent	53.8%
Good	40.2
Fair	5.4
Poor	0.3

Trunk roominess

Excellent	67.5%
Good	29.1
Fair	3.5
Poor	0.0

Trunk access

Excellent	71.4%
Good	27.9
Fair	0.3
Poor	0.3

Inside storage

Excellent	46.3%
Good	38.9
Fair	16.5
Poor	4.2

Based on your experiences, would you buy a Park Avenue or Ultra again?

Yes	80.8%
Maybe	17.4
No	1.7

*Percentages might not equal 100% due to rounding up or insufficient data.

Mechanical

Excellent	69.2%
Good	29.0
Fair	1.4
Poor	0.3

Interior fit and finish

Excellent	67.0%
Good	28.5
Fair	3.8
Poor	0.7

Interior materials

Excellent	57.2%
Good	29.7
Fair	8.1
Poor	0.0

Noise isolation

Excellent	53.3%
Good	35.6
Fair	8.7
Poor	2.4

General comfort:

Front seats

Excellent	71.8%
Good	25.4
Fair	1.8
Poor	1.1

Rear seats

Excellent	65.1%
Good	31.8
Fair	2.7
Poor	0.4

Ride

Excellent	73.0%
Good	25.6
Fair	1.4
Poor	0.0

Roominess

Excellent	71.9%
Good	26.7
Fair	1.4
Poor	0.0

Entry and exit

Excellent	55.7%
Good	32.4
Fair	3.5
Poor	0.3

Had any trouble, mechanical or otherwise?

No	64.9%
Yes	35.1

What type of trouble?

Shoulder harness	13.6%
Wind and tire noise	10.7
Brake squeal	8.7
Stubborn door latches	5.8
Loose rearview mirror	4.9
Climate control system	3.9
Wheel alignment	3.9
Electrical	3.9

Were repairs done under warranty?

Yes	56.8%
No	3.2

Were the dealer repairs satisfactory?

Yes	79.1%
No	20.9

Warranty service opinion:

Excellent	68.1%
Good	30.1
Fair	1.3
Poor	0.4

Dealer sales policy:

Excellent	62.6%
Good	34.6
Fair	2.1
Poor	0.7

Number of vehicles owned:

This vehicle only	29.1%
Two vehicles	55.5
Three vehicles	10.3
Four or more vehicles	5.1

Principal driver:

Male	49.8%
Female	25.8

Both equally

Age distribution of owners:	
Under 30	0.7%
30-49	5.7
50-plus	93.5

Qualified Facility Key To Proper Car Repair

Since the early 1970s, most American and foreign automobiles have been designated with a unitized body structure. This means the heavy steel frame used to support the engine, transmission and body components is now gone. Instead, most automobiles now feature a design incorporating interconnecting body parts, all relative to each other. This design is most familiar in aircraft where the shell of the plane is responsible for structural strength and is the base for attaching all interior and power components.

For the average car owner, the unitized body design allows for a lighter, more fuel-efficient automobile. Once damaged, make sure the vehicle is returned to its pre-accident condition.

Consumers should begin by carefully selecting a collision repair facility. Look for an experienced collision repair business with the training, equipment and qualifications specific to unitized body repair. Ask the repairer to show you the published dimension manual for



your vehicle. This is a "blueprint" of your car with the exact specifications and dimensions your car needs to be repaired to pre-accident condition.

Next, ask about the equipment the shop will use to repair your car. State-of-the-art

pulling and measuring systems are available to help a technician find, verify and repair the most hidden structural damage.

All welding should be done by highly skilled welders who do repairs in accordance with

manufacturers' recommended procedures and with the most advanced processes available.

You should get a satisfactory refinishing match. The repair facility should use the best refinishing products and employ paint specialists who know how to blend, apply and finish with basecoat and clearcoat products. If your vehicle is a newer model, chances are the original finish includes a basecoat (color) with a protective clear coating.

You should find the final repair cosmetically pleasing, and your car should also function as it did prior to the accident. This means proper handling and no "wind" noise. Checking door-to-fender and fender-to-hood gaps for even lines often helps in determining proper replacement fit.

Your collision repair facility should also be prepared to handle the necessary procedures and negotiations with your insurance company. Like you, professional collision repair specialists are primarily concerned with quality and value. Such decisions as type and

quality or replacement parts and in-depth pre-repair analysis are the subjects a quality business will discuss with you and your insurance carrier.

Finally, carefully inspect the repair, including a test drive with the shop manager, prior to accepting the finished vehicle. The service manager will answer any questions about the repair and explain the shop's written warranty.

A properly repaired unitized body vehicle will retain its resale value, handle as designed and provide many years of safe and efficient operation. However, only motorists can ensure proper repairs by learning more about their cars and taking precautions when repair is needed.

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Women Calling The Shots On Family Car Care

(NU)—Women are not only becoming more influential in deciding what car to buy, they are also taking over the traditionally male-dominated responsibility of maintenance and repair, the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) reports.

Currently, more than 65 percent of customers who take their vehicles to a repair shop for service and repair are women. Some repair industry experts estimate that the average may actually be closer to 80 percent.

"More and more women are deciding where to take their car, minivan, light truck or sport utility for service and repair," says Ronald H. Weiner, ASE president. "As this trend continues, females will represent the majority of customers with whom technicians and service managers must communicate."

While the total number of women in the repair profession is small, the rate of increase over the past few years is noteworthy. According to the United States Department of Labor, the number of female technicians grew from 9,000 to 11,000 in 1996—a 22 percent increase, while the number of male technicians increased by only 3 percent during the same period.

ASE, the national nonprofit organization that tests and certifies repair professionals, also has seen an increase in the number

of females participating in its testing and certification program. While the number of ASE-certified male technicians has increased by 14 percent in the last two years, the number of certified female technicians has increased by over 50 percent from 1,329 in 1994 to 2,041 in 1996.

"It's inevitable; just as we see more women in the showroom and at the service desk, we will see more women behind the parts counter talking to customers and under the hood diagnosing and repairing automobiles," Weiner says. "Challenging careers as automotive service professionals are not gender-specific. Servicing and repairing today's vehicle requires more brainpower than brawn."

ASE was founded in 1972 to help improve the quality of automotive service and repair through the voluntary testing and certification of automotive technicians. More than 424,000 ASE-certified automobile, truck and collision-repair technicians, engine machinists and parts specialists work in dealerships, independent shops, service stations, auto parts stores, fleets, schools and colleges.

For more information about ASE-certified technicians, write to ASE, 13505 Dulles Technology Drive, Suite 2, Herndon, VA 20171-3421; or call 1-703-713-3800; or visit the ASE Web site at www.ase-cert.org.

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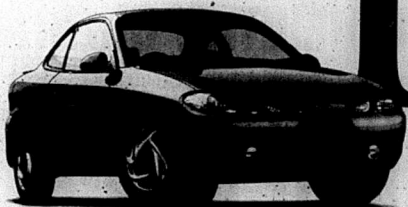
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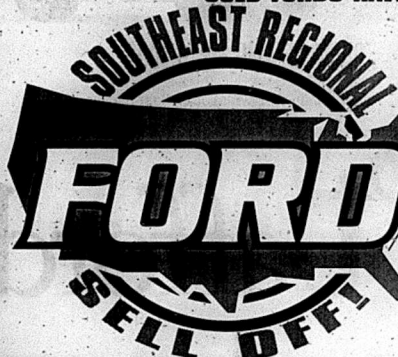
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Cornfield To The Boardroom; NASCAR Turns 50

(NAPS)—Today it is one of the largest and fastest growing spectator sports in the United States—bigger in many respects than pro football, baseball and basketball—pulling in overflow crowds to race tracks of all shapes and sizes from Maine to Florida, and Virginia to California.

NASCAR—the auto racing series that has produced Jeff Gordon, Dale Earnhardt and the legendary Richard Petty—celebrates its half-century birthday this year.

Its roots can be traced back to before World War II when a band of fearless men—originally employed as bootleggers—began to gather in a local cornfield and race against each other for a friendly wager. Eventually, some enterprising promoters got the idea to gather these men and their cars in one place, sell tickets to the locals who were coming out to watch anyhow, and let the men and their machines race for a purse and a trophy.

Out of this home grown ritual, the National Association for Stock Car Automobile Racing (NASCAR) was born. The idea actually came together at the Streamline Hotel, Daytona Beach, Florida, just over 50 years ago. "Big Bill" France, Sr., Red Byron and 33 of their "associates" who had been participating in the semi-organized races, gathered around a table at the Ebony Bar and came up with the idea to create a new organized sport called stock car racing.

From that modest beginning, the sport attracted followers throughout the south. Moving from 1/8-mile dirt tracks to paved ovals, then on to speedways called Darlington and Daytona where races had traditionally been run on a stretch of its famous beach.

The crowds grew slowly, but

steadily for the first 25 years, aided largely by the popularity of a handsome young driver from Level Cross, North Carolina, named Richard Lee Petty. The son of a NASCAR pioneer and legend Lee Petty, Richard had the driving skill and mechanical know-how to win races by the dozens. At a time when the best drivers retired with forty or fifty wins to their credit, the younger Petty won races by the dozens. In one year, 1967, Petty won 27 races, including 10 in a row.

Then, in the 1970s, Petty's celebrity status, major corporate sponsors like STP, and television coverage of select races converged to create the mega-sport NASCAR has become today. Petty's success along with increasing sports media coverage, opened the flood gates of corporate sponsorship to NASCAR, as well as the front gates of race tracks. Through all of this, the sport managed to keep the flavor of its rough and tumble past, while growing with the demands of more fans, more sponsors and the time and attention both required.

Competition grew as sponsorship money flowed in by the millions, and NASCAR began producing new "star" drivers with their own distinct personalities and images. In addition to Petty, known as "King Richard" by his fans, were drivers such as Cale Yarborough, Bobby Allison and David "Silver Fox" Pearson, were the drivers who dominated the 70s. Then came the 80s and new stars like Darrell Waltrip, Dale "The Intimidator" Earnhardt, and Harry Gant, the "Skool Bandit."

Today's NASCAR bears little resemblance to the sport organized by "Big Bill" years ago. The cars are sleeker, more durable, much faster and carry

the bold colors of dozens of companies and products. Fans come to races, not by hundreds, but by thousands. And sponsorship dollars are in the hundreds of millions and climbing.

But some important things have not changed. The competition between drivers is as fierce as ever, as Ford, Chevy and Pontiac battle for the annual manufacturer's championship. And, unlike most pro sports where fans never get to meet their "favorite" athletes, NASCAR drivers are truly devoted to their fans, stopping to sign autographs, pose for pictures and give a friendly smile. The president of NASCAR today is Bill France, Jr., son of the sport's founder. And while new sponsors come to NASCAR on a routine basis, some of the biggest have stayed around for years and even decades.

After 27 years, STP still sponsors the race team owned by Richard Petty, who retired from driving in 1992. And with 18 consecutive years of NASCAR race team sponsorships, U.S. Tobacco's Skoal Bandit RacingSM Team is among those helping NASCAR celebrate its 50th anniversary this year. "The support and acknowledgment of old friends like U.S. Tobacco during this important and exciting year in NASCAR's history means a lot to us," said NASCAR Vice President of Marketing Brian France.

After 50 years, hundreds of millions of dollars in sponsorships and millions more invested in new and improved race track facilities, the one thing NASCAR, its drivers, teams and sponsors all agree on is the fans. "They are simply the best fans any sport has ever seen," says Ken Schrader, driver of the Skoal Bandit RacingSM Chevy. "We'd be nowhere without them."

Through 50 Years NASCAR Has Seen It All!

The two longest-running team sponsorships in NASCAR are Richard Petty's STP Racing team (since 1972) and the Skoal Bandit RacingSM team (since 1981).

In 1994, John Andretti, nephew of Mario Andretti, raced in the Indianapolis 500 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and NASCAR's Coca Cola 600 at Charlotte, NC on the same day.

The oldest driver to win a NASCAR Winston Cup race is Harry Gant, who drove his Skoal Bandit RacingSM Chevrolet to victory in the 1992 Michigan 400 at the age of 52 and 219 days.

The first in-car camera used during a televised NASCAR race was installed in the car driven by Cale Yarborough, who went on to win the event, the 1983 Daytona 500.

In 1979, NASCAR banned the practice of changing engines during a race after the Junior Johnson racing team was able to complete an engine swap—during race conditions—in less than 20 minutes.

The first woman to compete in NASCAR Winston Cup competition was Janet Guthrie, in 1977.

In 1973, Richard Petty painted the hood of his car flat black in order to throw off his competition, who thought, erroneously, that it provided an aerodynamic advantage.

During an eight race period in 1952, two-time NASCAR champion Tim Flock drove with a monkey in his car—complete with fire suit and helmet—named Jacko Flocko.



After five years in business with Clewiston Chrysler at 202 W. Sugarland Highway, dealer principal Brad Ohi says he has a lot to be proud of.

"In October of 1992 we opened the door with six employees," he said. "Since that time we have grown to 18 full time employees, three part-time, a satellite used car dealership in Lehigh and a major interest in a rental car agency in Cape Coral."

The hard work paid off last year when the dealership won the coveted Chrysler 5-Star Award, given only to the top three percent of dealerships that exhibit excellence in sales and service.

The award did not come easy, said Mr. Ohi. The dealership has undergone more than \$175,000 in upgrades to the facility and another \$100,000 in special tools and equipment over the last five years, and there has been an ongoing training policy for all employees, from Chrysler's Customer

One program to let most technical service training available. Other improvements have included:

- Increasing the parts inventory three-fold over the past three years to enable service staff to provide better and quicker service;
- Making key personnel changes to enhance the quality of service (most of whom live in the community, keeping about 90 percent of the dealership's payroll in Hendry County); and
- Doing as much business with local businesses and vendors as possible. "We are doing

our level best to take better care of our customers," Mr. Ohi said.

That has been further accomplished by working to keep overhead low, pricing competitive and quality high. A variety of inventory is assured by careful buying of low mileage used vehicles.

"I pride myself on not buying the cheapest factory sale vehicles," he said. "We buy better vehicles so we can keep a nice selection of what's available, then put them through an extensive certification inspection."

Aggressive financing is available through several lending institutions and customers are provided with a complete disclosure of interest rates and finance charges.

"We look at financing as part of the sale," Mr. Ohi said.

The overall goal, he said, is repeat business, which is important in a small community. This has been accomplished by listening to what the customer wants. An example is the addition of Spanish speaking sales person to assist hispanic customers and improvements in the service department to attract customers who may have purchased their vehicles elsewhere.

"We feel there's no problem with a Chrysler, Plymouth, Dodge we can't take care of," Mr. Ohi said. "If we missed your business for the sale, we'd like to get it in service. We would like to have a chance to earn your business. We're part of the community. We're going to be here no matter what."

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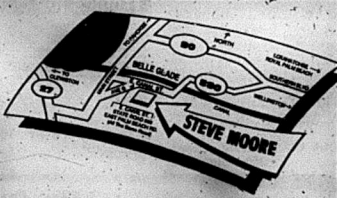
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GLADEVIEW DRAINAGE DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all owners of lands located within the boundaries of the GLADEVIEW DRAINAGE DISTRICT, that a public hearing will be held on the 26th day of May, 1998 at 8:00 a.m. in the Gladeview Drainage District Office, located at 811 SW Avenue A, Belle Glade, Florida 33435, for the following purpose:

1. Hearing Reporters
2. Hearing on the proposed map and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine; and
3. Transferring such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The Board of Supervisors of the Gladeview Drainage District, in its capacity as the Board of Supervisors, will consider the proposed map and the purpose of this meeting is to be held on the 26th day of May, 1998 at 8:00 a.m. in the Gladeview Drainage District Office, located at 811 SW Avenue A, Belle Glade, Florida 33435, for the following purpose:

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all owners of lands located within the boundaries of the SHAWANO DRAINAGE DISTRICT, that a public hearing will be held on the 26th day of May, 1998 at 8:00 a.m. in the Shawano Drainage District Office, located at 811 SW Avenue A, Belle Glade, Florida 33435, for the following purpose:

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The Board of Supervisors of the Shawano Drainage District, in its capacity as the Board of Supervisors, will consider the proposed map and the purpose of this meeting is to be held on the 26th day of May, 1998 at 8:00 a.m. in the Shawano Drainage District Office, located at 811 SW Avenue A, Belle Glade, Florida 33435, for the following purpose:

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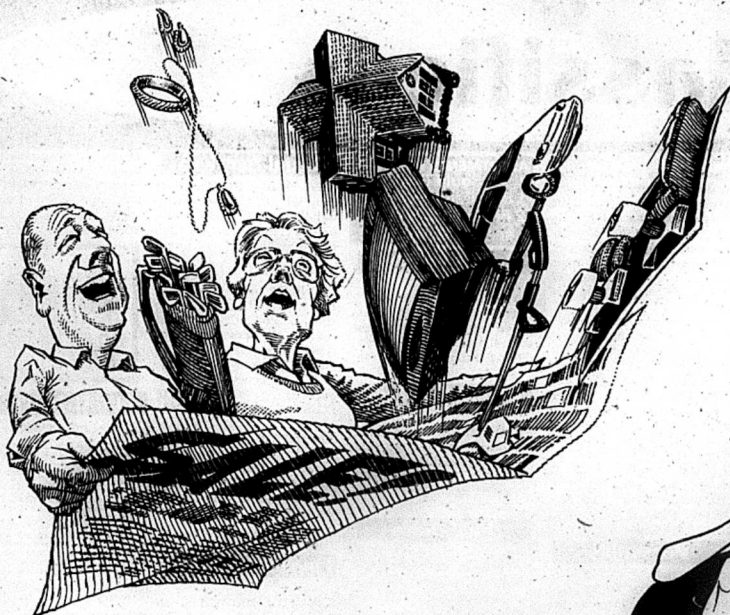
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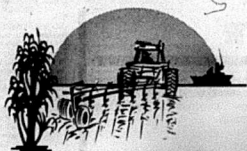
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